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Mississippi Annual Conference.

The Seventy-Third Session of the Mississippi Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, was held in Port Gibson, Mississippi, December 15th to 20th, 1886, Bishop Wm. Wallace Duncan, D. D., presiding.

The Bishop opened the Conference at 9 A. M., by the use of hymn 272, by reading 11 Corinthians, 2nd chapter, and by prayer.

The roll was called by the Secretary of the last Conference, and the ministers and laymen who are marked P., in the roll in this pamphlet, were present during the Conference.

C. G. Andrews, was elected Secretary; J. A. B Jones, Ass't Sec'y; T. W. Adams, Recording Sec'y; and J. W. Chambers, Statistical Sec'y.

The following Standing Committees, nominated by the presiding Elders, were elected, viz:

Standing Committees.

On Public Worship.—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, D. P. Bradford, E. S. Drake.

Memoirs.—A. F. Watkins, W. E. Ballard, C. G. Andrews, T. B. Holloman, R. A. Sibley, R. Babington, T. S. West.

State of the Church.—C. A. Powell, E. F. Edgar, W. B. Lewis, B. F. Jones, C. McDonald, W. W. Simmons, C. D. Cecil.

On Bible Cause.—V. D. Skipper, L. Carley, A. G. Moore, I. B. Robertson, T. C. Clark, B. Jones, N. B. Young.

On Publishing Interests.—E. H. Mounger, L. P. Brown, T. Mellen, A. F. Watkins, D. G. W. Ellis, H. J. Harris, J. W. Ellison

On Observance of Sabbath.—M. H. Moore, D. C. Langford, G. R. Kemp, R. W. Millsaps, I. L. Peebles, D. F. Guice, P. Howard.

On Temperance.—J. P. Drake, W. C. Black, R. Abbey, J. T. Nicholson, W. W. Cammack, C. H. Wood, J. M. Pugh.

On District Conference Records.—J. V. Penn, A. J. Grant, T. J. Cotton, J. H. Thompson, W. M. Thornton, J. W. Brown, L. S. Jones.

On Conference Relations.—R. S. Woodword, D. A. Little, J. L. Forsythe, J. W. McLaurin, F. M. Featherstun, G. W. Walker, P. A. Johnston.

On Colportage.—R. Abbey, B. Jones, H. R. Caldwell.

Rev. Mr. Planck, Pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Port Gibson, and Rev. Mr. Logan, Rector of the Episcopal Church, were introduced to the Conference and invited to seats within the bar.

L. D. Palmer, Esq., business manager of the Publishing House at Nashville; David Morton, D. D, Secretary of Church Extension; and I. G. John, D. D., Secretary of Missions, were present in advocacy of the claims of their respective enterprises.

Communications from the various institutions of learning under the patronage of the Conference; from Messrs. Carver & Jameson, Publishers *New Orleans Christian Advocate*; from W. G. E. Cunningham, D. D., Sunday School Editor, were read and, referred to appropriate Committees.

Question First.—Who are admitted on trial?

Answer.—Benjamin Magruder Drake, from Jackson, La.; Rufus Aden Breland, Augusta; Joseph N. Ware, Walnut Grove; George H. Galloway, Sharon; William Henry Huntly, Martin; Charlie C. Campbell, Brandywine; William L. Linfield, Summit.

Question Second.—Who remain on trial?

Answer.—James G. Sibley, Victor V. Boone, Wm. W. Morse, Albert C. Flowers, J. Herbert Woodward, Robert S. Gale, Robert Selby, James A. Newsom, Martin L. Burton, Nolan B. Harmon, Joshua M. Morse.

The following were continued in the class of the first year, viz: Geo. D. Anders, Nathan J. Roberts, Matthew J. Miller, Jno. W. Tinnin.

Question Third.—Who are discontinued?

Answer—None.

Question Fourth—Who are admitted into full connection?

Answer—James N. Tucker, Levi S. Jones.

Question Fifth—Who are re-admitted?

Answer—None.

Question Sixth—Who are received by transfer from other Conferences?

Answer—Wm. D. Dominick, in Elders' orders from the North-West Texas Conference.

Question Seventh—Who are the Deacons of one year?

Answer—Benjamin F. Lewis, Alex F. Watkins, Thomas L. Mellen, Wm. G. Backus, Samuel J. Cotton, Virgil D. Skipper, J. Wilson Brown, Henry Lee Scarborough, Andrew D. Miller, Robert F. Witt.

The following were continued in the class of the third year, viz: W. R. Sims, E. F. Edgar.

Question Eighth—What traveling Preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—None.

Question Ninth—What traveling Preachers are ordained Deacons?

Answer—None.

Question Tenth—What local Preachers are elected Deacons?

Answer—Bennett W. Sewell, Victor V. Boone, Wm. W. Morse.

Question Eleventh—What local Preachers are ordained Deacons?

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Answer—Victor V. Boone, Wm. W. Morse.

Question Twelfth—What traveling Preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—Jules V. Penn.

Question Thirteenth—What traveling Preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—Jules V. Penn.

Question Fourteenth—What local Preachers are elected Elders?

Answer—Joseph J. Lovett.

Question Fifteenth—What local Preachers are ordained Elders?

Answer—Joseph J. Lovett.

Question Sixteenth—Who are located this year?

Answer—Henry J. Harris, David A. Givens, by their own request; Louis Kendall.

Question Seventeenth—Who are supernumerary?

Answer—R. Abbey, J. A. Vance.

Question Eighteenth—Who are superanuated?

Answer—W. G. Millsaps, J. Lusk, J. N. Williams, E. R. Strickland, D. W. Dillehay, J. M. Gann, G. T. Vickers, J. G. Jones, T. Y. Armstrong, A. B. Stewart, L. Pearce, D. Merchant, Joseph Nicholson, C. F. Gillespie.

Question Nineteenth—What Preachers have died during the year?

Answer—Harvey F. Johnson, Martin Anding Bell, William Spillman.

REV. HARVEY F. JOHNSON, D. D.

We love to treasure in memory the lives of those who by their worthy achievements impress us with the dignity of our being and the possibilities of man's great attainments. Such a life was that of our lamented Dr. H. F. Johnson, of whom it may be truly said, "When he had served his own generation, by the will of God fell on sleep." When the sad announcement of his death was made known, all as with one breath exclaimed, "Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man fallen this day in Israel?"

Rev. Harvey F. Johnson, D. D., son of John and Elizabeth Johnson, was born in Buncombe County, North Carolina, January 7th, 1831, and died in Brookhaven, Miss., August 4th, 1886, in the 56th year of his age. Bro. Johnson was a descendant of a long line of ancestry of the early Methodist type. His father was from early life, in the days of Asbury, a prominent member of our beloved church in the old North State. Dr. Johnson was liberally educated. While quite a youth he entered Emory and Henry College, in Virginia, then in the very noontide of glory of this honored institution. Owing to close application in his efforts to complete the course of Master of Arts his eyes failed him, and for months he was confined to a darkened room. Notwithstanding he lacked three months of completing the course of study, so high was the esteem in which he was held that at the early age of eighteen he received his certificate and the honorary Degree of Master of Arts from his Alma Mater. His knowledge of the classics was so great that for years he used the Greek Testament almost entire-

ly. Few are more patient and persistent in the search for knowledge than was he. He delighted, especially, in the study of the Sciences, whence was disclosed to him so much of the wisdom and power of God. The degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on him by Centenary College, La., in July, 1878.

As his profession in life, he chose the law, to which he applied himself with his accustomed zeal. In 1849 he joined a company of friends with the purpose of visiting the gold fields of California. He was dissuaded from this intention by the entreaties of a loving mother, and decided to try his fortune in his adopted State, Mississippi.

At the age of nineteen he was licensed to practice law at Raleigh, Miss., by Judge Wiley P. Harris, and at once took position as a young man of genuine worth and talent. Oct. 7th, 1851, he was married to Miss Margaret E. Bates, of Alabama, whom, with a large family of children, he leaves to mourn their loss. Who can tell the depths of sorrow in that home where he ruled with so much tenderness and was so greatly loved? At the age of twenty-three he was elected District Attorney, receiving a majority in every county in the district over three competitors. He so won the confidence and esteem of the people that at the end of two years he was elected to the Legislature of the State from Simpson county. Here he was further honored by being appointed chairman of one of the most important committees in the House. In 1857 he declined the position a second time, feeling it his duty to join the traveling ministry. One who was associated with him at the bar says of him that "he would have made a Wickliffe, or a Wesley, under favorable circumstances. In the very hey-day of youth and triumph he forsook all to follow Christ. He knew the life of a Methodist preacher and accepted it." He sought, first, the Kingdom of God and trusted Him for all things else. How perfectly do we find the fulfillment of the promise to him!

On the 13th day of August, 1855, at 1 o'clock, while on his knees in the woods, he was happily converted to God. Then and there he gave that promise unto God to preach His word which always seemed such a delight to him. He never doubted his conversion. On the same day at 3 o'clock, P. M., he and his wife joined the church at a prayer meeting in Westville, Miss.

The family altar was erected that night and the fire of God has burned thereon until the Master was pleased to take his servant home.

In 1859 he was licensed to preach and recommended to the Annual Conference by the Quarterly Conference of the Brookhaven Circuit, which was held at Monticello, John G. Jones, Presiding Elder. He was received on trial in the Mississippi Conference which met in Jackson, on November 16th, of the same year. His first charge was the Fayette Circuit, with W. B. Lewis as junior preacher, and Dr. B. M. Drake, as Presiding Elder. From this time till the Conference of 1865, when he was appointed Presiding

Elder of the Jackson District, he was employed on circuits and as chaplain in the Confederate Army. In 1866, he was elected President of Madison College, at Sharon, Miss., and in April of 1867, was chosen President of Whitworth College. In this latter position, which he so honorably and successfully filled till removed by death, he evinced his wonderful organizing and administrative powers. Assuming charge of Whitworth College when its patronage was small, its embarrassments great, and its influence unfelt, by his untiring energy, his confidence in his ability to succeed, and his great faith in God, Whitworth soon took position as an institution of first rank, and at the end of nineteen years, under his wise management, it stands for thoroughness of culture second to none in all our land. Whatever shall be the fortunes of this noble institution, so long as the massive walls of Margaret Hall and the Institute, his costly centenary offering, shall remain, they will tell of the munificent and noble spirit of him who gave them as a token of love to the church of his choice. So long as these shall remain, those who have received instruction at his hands, there will not be wanting with grateful hearts to speak his praises. Possessing those qualities which are so essential to a teacher, Dr. Johnson's success as an educator was phenomenal. As a pupil, I shall never forget the firmness of his discipline, and the patient spirit with which he strove to clear away the mists of the text-book, and impart to his pupils all the learning he possessed. Nothing was more agreeable to his disposition than to instruct those who were under his tutorage. As a preacher, Dr. Johnson was clear, strong and unmistakable, possessing that genuine eloquence which is manifest in sound words and an earnest spirit. His sermons, always logical and abounding in scriptural quotations, bore within them the desire to know nothing but Christ and him crucified. He was first elected to the General Conference in 1866, again in 1874, and has been honored by his brethren as a delegate to represent them in that body at every returning session. He was frequently mentioned in connection with the office for Bishop. Before the bar, in the legislative halls, on the Conference floor and in the social circle, Dr. Johnson was a leader. We who have met with him in our annual sessions, cannot soon forget his wise counsel and unerring judgment on points of law and discipline. While the State has lost a valued citizen, and the church one of its brightest lights, none will miss him as shall we. Sound in doctrine, mighty in counsel, and true in faith, we trusted him implicitly. The high esteem in which he was held by all classes was manifested by the long train of mourners from every station who followed him to the grave.

During the long weeks of a painful illness he bore his sufferings with christian fortitude. His faith in God was unshaken, and with the trusting spirit of a child he rested in the promises of the Father. Buoyed up by a strong hope of recovery it was hard for him to realize the serious character of his disease. Even to the last he planned to live and work, but when informed that death was

inevitable and near, he replied with the spirit of a hero: "It is all right. Thank God my way is clear."

Thus passed from us the pure spirit of our [illegible] brother to his eternal reward.

Dr. Johnson is gone. No more shall we hear his familiar response to the call of the roll. His name is erased, but his memory lives. His work is done, and with saddened hearts we bow to the will of Him who doeth all things well. "Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

T. B. HOLLOMAN.

REV. MARTIN ANDING BELL.

Rev. Martin Anding Bell, late of the Mississippi Conference, son of Maj. J. R. Bell and Celeste A. Dunn, was born and reared in Yazoo County, Mississippi, his birthday being September 28th, 1858. He was converted, and attached himself to the Methodist Church in 1875; was licensed to preach December 6th, 1879, Rev. W. L. C. Hunnicutt, Presiding Elder. He pursued his Academic studies for several years at Centenary College, of Louisiana. While there, he ranked among the most faithful and intellectual students, having been honored by his fellows by being elected to address them on public occasions. He had regular appointments to preach while at College, and maintained the character of an exemplary local preacher. In 1881 he was received on trial in the Mississippi Conference, and was appointed to Westville Circuit; in 1882, 1883 and 1884, he served Silver Creek circuit, and at the Conference, in Meridian, in December, 1885, he was appointed to Flora circuit, from which he went up to receive his reward. He was ordained Deacon in Natchez, in December, 1883, by Bishop Kavanaugh, and Elder at Meridian, in 1885, by Bishop McTyeire.

Bro. Bell was possessed of more than ordinary sprightliness of mind, had acquired a good education, was of pleasing address and popular manners. He had every qualification necessary to achieve great usefulness and distinction in the glorious mission to which he had devoted his life. The ways of Providence are inscrutable in calling off from the walls of Zion one who was so eminently qualified to sound the alarm of the coming sword and to secure so many souls as seals to his ministry. But God sees not as man sees. His ways are just; his counsels wise. What he does we know not now; but we shall know hereafter.

Bro. Bell had many warm friends and admirers on his last circuit. One of his sermons excited so much interest and was so highly appreciated that a request was made for its publication. He complied with the request, and it was published in the leading paper on his circuit. He was seized soon after preaching, on the Sabbath day, by that dreaded disease, hematuria, and, in spite of all that skillful and faithful physicians, kind nurses, and sympathizing friends could do to stay its ravages, it speedily completed its deadly work and bore away in its remorseless grasp the promising young minister, the beloved son and faith-

ful young husband. He was calm and rational during his illness, and talked of approaching death without trepidation; said that he could trust that Savior, whom he had preached, without a fear or a doubt. He said that he would be glad to live for the sweet and sacred ties that bound him to earth, and more especially to realize the fond ambition of his life to grow old and useful in the ministry; but that God's will was his will.

It was the writer's privilege to pray by his bedside during his illness by his own request. It was good to be there to hear him express his confidence in prayer and his firm faith in Christ's willingness and readiness to bless.

We mourn with his aged parents that the brave, trusting heart, to which they had clung so fondly, has ceased to beat, and that the opening career of usefulness, which gave them such comfort, has been closed. We sympathize most deeply with the young wife, whose ardent hopes of aiding in the labors and sharing the rewards of the valiant soldier of the cross, have thus been ruthlessly shattered. We are sad indeed that there will be no response when his name is called in Conference, and that he will never be assigned to another field of labor among us. But we rejoice that he has bequeathed to his loved ones the priceless legacy of a useful life and a triumphant death. He died at his post with the Christian's armor on. There is no nobler death to die. There is no sweeter solace for surviving friends. C. G. ANDREWS.

REV. WILLIAM SPILLMAN, M. D.

At Matthewsville, Miss., December 11th, 1886, Dr. Wm. Spillman, of the Mississippi Conference M. E. Church, South, died from injuries received by a fall down a flight of steps. He passed away in the 81st year of his age. I know but little of his early life; he practiced medicine in Columbus, Miss., for 25 years. He entered the Alabama Conference in 1859, and was a traveling preacher over 25 years. He was quite old when he was placed on the superanuated list. Rev. Geo. Shaeffer was the Presiding Elder that presented his recommendation for admittance into the Conference. The recommendation was not heartily supported by the Presiding Elder, for he feared that he could not make a man more useful in the traveling connection than he was at home, as a physician. Dr. Spillman was perhaps more skilled as a Theologian, than attractive as a preacher. He seemed clearly to comprehend those nice distinctions, when there are slight differences in obscure points in Theology. His enquiring mind sought information in various fields. He paid much attention to Botany, was skilled in Conchology, knew perhaps more about shells than any man in the State. Many of the fresh water shells, described in the publications of the Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia, have Spilmoni, as a part of their names, in honor of their discoverer. He was a member of the Academy of Natural Science; and after the death of Bishop Paine, one of the only two members left, inthis State. He was a Geologist, and, of course, must needs know something of Paleontology.

One of the most wonderful things exhibited at the great Cotton Centennial and Worlds Fair in New Orleans, was the petrified bones of that great whale-like monster, the Zeuglodon Cetorides. The animal must have been at least 100 feet long. This skeleton was put there by Dr. Spillman. It was a recent discovery of his in this State.

He had a strong, clear, unvarying faith in God; he saw nothing amid the rocks that tended to controvert the teachings of God's Holy Word. He had that purity of heart that enabled him to see God everywhere; he traced His handwriting on the pebbly shore or shining strand; he saw the touch of His finger amid granite boulders, as well as on the beauteous flowers that decked the rugged mountain sides. My associations with him were intimate and pleasant. We have walked together up and down the muddy shores of the rivers and branches, seeking the remains of pre-historic life. We have gone together, lamp in hand, down into the earth, and for hours moved through weird windings of the cave.

But now, he has gone to far brighter scenes—with increased powers he is in wider fields. He may now move up and down that pure river of water of life clear as crystal, proceeding out of the Throne of God and the Lamb, and its banks teaming with everlasting life. He is in that City that needeth not the light of Sun nor Moon, for the Glory of God doth lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

Dr. Spillman once led a pic-nic party into a large, deep, dry chamber, in a cave that he discovered and first explored. They were let down by a windlass through a sort of natural shaft, for perhaps 60 feet, to the entrance of the chamber, then 90 feet more from its ceiling to its floor. This chamber was near 100 feet in circumference, the stalactites from its ceiling were nearly transparent, looking like icicles of glass. The floor was covered with bright stalagmites, in the centre was an elevated table-like rock, some three feet high, four feet broad and eight feet long; on this, the snowy linen was spread and the repast laid. A box of candles was opened, and a hundred stalagmites served as candle-sticks. The little party stood around the table, Dr. S., said, Sing, Praise God from whom all blessings flow, and as the notes of Old Hundred reverberated from wall to wall, and floor to ceiling, and down the corridors that entered into that blazing, buried crystal palace, his soul, he said, was never so stirred with song before, nor would it be again, until he heard the new song that the hundred, forty-and-four thousand, that were redeemed from earth, sang, and none others could learn—and the glittering splendors before his eyes, were such as he never saw before, nor would he again, until he should see the King on the Throne of his Glory, surrounded by the redeemed in white robes wearing their golden crowns.

This, the most brilliant natural scene in his passage through this dreary world, is as nothing compared to the splendors by which he is now surrounded. As he was ever faithful to his duty in the

present life, he is now wearing the crown of glory in eternal life, enjoying the rich reward purchased by redeeming blood.

T. S. WEST.

Question Twentieth—Are all the preachers blameless in their life and official administration?

Answer—Their names were all called over one by one and their characters were examined and passed.

Question Twenty-First—What is the number of local preachers and members in the several circuits, stations and missions of the Conference?

Answer—Local Preachers, 155; Members, 30,315.

Question Twenty-Second—How many infants have been baptized during the year?

Answer—1474.

Question Twenty-Third—How many adults have been baptized during the year?

Answer—1628.

Question Twenty-Fourth—What is the number of Sunday-schools?

Answer—339.

Question Twenty-Fifth—What is the number of Sunday-school Teachers?

Answer—1846.

Question Twenty-Sixth—What is the number of Sunday-school Scholars?

Answer—13,699.

Question Twenty-Seventh—What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers?

Answer—$3250.

Question Twenty-Eighth—What amount has been collected on the foregoing, and how has it been applied?

Answer—$2751 00. See Report Joint Board.

Question Twenty-Ninth—What has been contributed for Missions?

Answer—Foreign Missions.....$4845 52
Domestic Missions..... 1175 80

$6021 32

Question Thirtieth—What has been contributed for Church Extension?

Answer—$1047 75.

Question Thirty-First—What is the number and what is the estimated value of Church edifices?

Answer—Number, 363; value, $335,560.

Question Thirty Second—What is the number and what is the estimated value of parsonages?

Answer—Number, 66: value, 60,360.

Question Thirty-Third—What are the educational statistics?

Answer—Centenary College, for males, chartered 1839, endowment $8000; professors, 7; scholars, 68; value of, $80,000. Whitworth Female College, value, $17,000; value of apparatus, $500;

volumes in Library, 300; professors, 10; pupils, 150. Port Gibson Female College, value. $40,000; volumes in Library, 100; teachers, 6 ; pupils, 115. East Mississippi Female College, chartered 1872; value, $20,000; large philosophical apparatus and cabinet of minerals; teachers, 5; pupils, 100. Woodville Female Seminary, no report. Kananaugh College, for males and females, founded 1884; value $1500; faculty, 7; pupils, 107. Sea-Shore District High School, founded 1885; teachers 3 ; pupils, 116; value of property, $1000.

Question Thirty-Fourth—Where shall next session of Conference be held?

Answer—At Jackson, Mississippi.

Question Thirty-Fifth—Where are the preachers stationed this year?

Answer—See List of Appointments.

Report on Education.

The cause of Christian Education as ever lies near to the Methodist heart. By word and act it is still the purpose to make it universal. The culture of the intellect and the purification of the heart are the two factors for the development and the perfecting of the human race. These factors must not be separated. The Church must see that no other Education is given to its children save that which makes prominent the renovation of the nature and the completion of a pure moral character.

The standard of Education among the Methodist ministers is being continuously elevated. Colleges, universities and theological institutes are equipping and sending into our Conferences ecclesiastical athletes ready for successful wrestlings with the wiliest and best trained champions of infidelity.

The four years course of study for undergaduates in the Conference will, if mastered thoroughly, furnish the minister for present demands and will inspire him with a thirst for knowledge that will be continuous. It were well if each member of our examining committees should feel it sacredly laid upon his conscience never to recommend for elevation to a higher class one whom he deemed unfaithful or incompetent. A Methodist minister, be he young or old, who ceases to study, yea study diligently, should surrender his sacred commission and return to his plow or his plane. We rejoice to know that there linger among us worthy ones whose pens and tongues proclaim a constant effort to intermeddle with all wisdom, though their bodies suggest superannuation.

The Institutions under our patronage exhibit more than usual prosperity and success.

CENTENARY COLLEGE,

From the report of President T. A. S. Adams, D. D., now before us, shows a teaching corps of seven and an attendance of sixty-eight students. Each department is most admirably manned and thorough work is being done. The *morale* of the Institution is excellent. Six of the students are preparing for the ministry. A

Young Men's Christian Association is in successful operation among the students.

The fact that twenty-four members, ministerial and lay, of this present session of conference were students of Centenary College furnishes a most pronounced reason why every one loyal to the Mississippi Conference should diligently strive to promote the success of this Institution.

We have received from districts money for Educational purposes as follows, viz:

Brookhaven District, J. M. Weems, P. E.	$118 05
Brandon District, I. L. Peebles, Newton church	10 00
C. McDonald, Shiloh church	3 50
Jackson District, J. A. Ellis, P. E.	120 00
Sea Shore District, B. S. Rayner, P. E.	51 10
Woodville District, J. A. B. Jones, P. E.	75 90
Vicksburg District, W. L. C. Hunnicut P. E.	66 35
	$444 90
From statement of President Adams submitted to us, the tuition of young men preparing for the ministry at Centenary College is	$490 00
Showing a deficit on minister's tuition of	$45 10

WHITWORTH FEMALE COLLEGE,

Since our last session has sustained a loss for sometime deemed irreparable in the death of its incomparable president, H. F. Johnson, D. D. But Providence has furnished a successor in every way worthy, in Prof. L. T. Fitzhugh, who has been elected president and to whom a lease of the property for ten years has been effected upon satisfactory terms. A report from the president of the Board of Trustees, now before us, shows that the Institution under the new management has lost none of its former claims upon the patronage of our people. Your committee agree with the sentiments expressed in the report of the Trustees that an agent should at once be put into the field to raise funds for the purchase of the Brown House and all the household and school furniture now owned by Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Kidd. We approve of the suggested agent Rev. W. B. Murrah, a member of the North Mississippi Conference and a Professor of the Institution, and recommend that he be appointed by the proper authorities. As the memory of Dr. Johnson will be forever associated with Whitworth College, we think it but simple justice that the institution should bear his name. We therefore recommend that Col. W. L. Nugent, the President of the Board of Trustees, be appointed to take such steps at once as are necessary to change the name of Whitworth College to that of Johnson-Whitworth College. We recommend that this Conference ratify and confirm the action of the Board of Trustees.

EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE,

We learn from the report of the President, has matriculated 100

students to date of this session. All the departments are well equipped; the discipline is thorough, the scholarship steadily improving. "The institution is in a healthy, prosperous condition with a bright future." We recommend that Rev. A. D. McVoy be re-appointed to the presidency.

PORT GIBSON FEMALE COLLEGE,

Reports through the President of the Board of Trustees that it is not only holding its own, but gaining in patronage and usefulness from year to year. The boarding and day attendance are both in excess of last session. Improvements upon the buildings and grounds are being made from time to time without cost to the church. We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. T. C. Bradford to the presidency.

WOODVILLE FEMALE SEMINARY,

Is undergoing repairs, is without a principal, and was not opened in the fall of 1886. It is a pity that this fine property of nine acres of ground with extensive buildings, beautifully located in the town of Woodville, should not be employed according to the purpose of its munificent donor, Judge McGehee. We urge upon the trustees the re-opening of the institution as soon as possible.

KAVANAUGH COLLEGE,

As reported, is doing honest and thorough work with seven instructors and 107 pupils. There is but one of the pupils who does not belong to some branch of the Christian church, and many of the students have been brought into the church through the influence of the college. Several students are preparing for the ministry. We recommend the re-appointment of Rev. H. Walter Featherstun to the presidency.

SEA SHORE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL.

This institution has been organized at Hattiesburg. This is its second session and it is succeeding well with 116 students, presided over by Prof. E. F. Powell, formerly of Whitworth Female College. We are glad that the Sea Shore District has thus provided for the Education of the youth within its bounds, and hope that the enterprise will be largely successful.

We offer for the adoption of the conference the following resolutions :

1. That the preachers in charge be instructed to raise an amount for the education of young men preparing for the ministry equal to the assessment for the support of the Bishops.

2. That our preachers and people should establish schools under the control of the church in circuits, stations and districts where this is practicable.

3. That the Committees of Examination for the undergraduates in the ministry be exhorted to a faithful and conscientious discharge of their duty in insisting upon a thorough compassing of the course of study.

4. That our visiting committees make reports to the Conference of the results of their observations.

5. That the Boards of Trustees report statistics annually to the Conference to be presented by the Board of Education.

Respectfully submitted. C. G. ANDREWS,
President Board of Education.

Report of the Joint Board of Finance.

To the Bishop and Members of the Mississippi Annual Conference, M. E. Church, South:

The amount assessed against the Conference at the last Session is $900 for Bishops, and for Conference Fund $3,250. These amounts are apportioned as follows:

Districts.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Fund.
Vicksburg	$ 185 00	$ 630 50
Jackson	185 00	630 50
Brandon	100 00	279 50
Woodville	100 00	404 00
Brookhaven	145 00	520 00
Seashore	70 00	265 50
Meridian	115 00	520 00
Total	$ 900 00	$3,250 00

The following amounts have been received by the Board:

Districts.	Bishop's Fund.	Conference Fund.
Vicksburg	$ 165 00	$ 447 65
Jackson	185 00	511 40
Brandon	95 20	172 05
Woodville	85 80	333 10
Brookhaven	146 00	469 00
Seashore	70 00	212 30
Meridian	123 00	447 30
Total	$ 870 00	$2,592 80
Rec'd from Van Houton, Bequest		$ 134 20
Rec'd from Calvin Fund for widows		24 00
Total		$ 2,751 00

The following amounts have been allowed the claimants:

CLAIMANTS.	TO WHOM HANDED.	AMOUNT.
C. F. Gillespie	Self	$ 84 00
Mrs. J. H. Shelton	M. H. Moore	56 00
" W. H. Watkins	J. V. Penn	30 00
" G. Hawkins	D. A. Little	42 50
" P. Cooper	I. W. Cooper	30 00
John Lusk	T. L. Mellen	55 00
A. B. Stewart	J. L. Forsythe	125 00

D. Merchant	B. S. Rayner	125 00
E. A. Flowers	Self	41 50
Mrs. W. W. Drake	Self	85 00
" W. Finn	J. S. Parker	85 00
" R. J. Jones	D. A. Little	30 00
" B. M. Drake	J. P. Drake	56 00
" V. H. Johnston	I. B. Robertson	85 00
" A. M. Barrington	T. B. Holloman	56 00
" D. W. Dillehay	W. C. Black	105 00
" W. Wadsworth and 2 children	T. A. S. Adams	85 00
Rev. J. G. Jones	Self	55 00
" J. N. Williams	C. McDonold	84 00
Mrs. S. Dawson	J. W. Brown	42 50
Joe. Nicholson	G. F. Thompson	167 50
E. R. Strickland	Self	125 00
Mrs. J. S. Calhoun and children	B. S. Rayner	126 00
Rev. T. Y. Armstrong	Self	125 00
Mrs H. H. Montgomery	J. S. Parker	63 75
" W. E. M. Linfield & 2 children	B. F. Jones	85 00
" Jesse McKay	F. M. Williams	85 00
" C. C. Watkins	W. H. Huntly	22 00
" M. C. Callaway and child	C. G. Andrews	56 00
" C. W. Calhoun's children	B. S. Rayner	126 00
R. A. Sibley	Self	85 00
Mrs. G. M. Gilmore	D. A. Little	106 00
" W. Thompson	J. C. Brogan	30 00
" H. D. Berry	J. M. Weems	85 00
" J. J. Smylie and two children	W. C. Black	42 50
" D. Wiggins	J. S. Parker	63 75
Total		$ 2,751 00

Mrs. Herbert, Mrs. H. F. Johnson, Mrs. M. A. Bell, no allowance. The Calvin Fund has been divided among the widows.

We submit to the Conference the following assessment, for the ensuing year, for the Conference Fund:

Jackson	$ 600 00
Brandon	375 00
Brookhaven	550 00
Woodville	410 00
Seashore	415 00
Meridian	550 00
Vicksburg	600 00
Total	$ 3,500 00

The following assessments have been made on the several districts for Bishops:

Vicksburg	$ 195 00
Jackson	195 00
Brandon	105 00

Brookhaven	168 00
Woodville	121 00
Meridian	158 00
Seashore	113 00
Total	$ 1,055 00

Respectfully submitted,

INMAN W. COOPER, Sec'y.

Report on the State of the Church.

Your committee submit the following as their report:

The general interests of our church are steadily advancing in all our borders. Our people are manifesting a commendable zeal in the building and improvement of church edifices and parsonages, and an increasing interest in the support of the institutions of the church.

There have been many gracious revivals in our bounds during the past year. Many souls have been converted and added to the church. The net increase of our membership, according to statistics reported, is 2494. There has also been an increase of 28 Sunday-schools, 225 officers and teachers, and 1859 scholars, while the baptisms are 863 in excess of what they were last year.

Still we feel constrained to say that as a church we are not doing all we ought to do in the great work whereunto we are called. Our people, in many places, need to be instructed, exhorted and trained in the duty of worshiping God with their substance. Our church literature should be more generally circulated among our members. Our ministers should be more thoroughly consecrated, and more diligent in their pastoral oversight of the flocks committed to their care. We believe a glorious future awaits us if we will but be faithful to our trusts. The field is white unto the harvest, and the Great Head of the Church is with us. Let us press forward in the work of the Lord with ever increasing zeal.

Respectfully submitted, W. B. LEWIS, Chm.

Report of the Sunday-School Board.

To the Members of the Mississippi Conference:—

Every agency of the church is owned and blessed by the Founder; and every sown field yields a fruitage. In no department of church work is the result more patent than in the Sunday-school. The ground not having been planted in tares, the grains of wheat are quicker to ripen in the sunlight of God's truth. We call your attention to the great need of the Sunday-schools.

1st. Pious and consecrated superintendents and teachers are the great need of the day. It is true, we need teachers who are highly educated, but it is very essential to the permanent prosperity of the schools that the superintendents and teachers have the mind of Christ. Teachers who enjoy the blessed consciousness of redeeming love can easily impart to their classes the exalted truth that the words of Christ are the words of life. Not simply to teach the

code of christian ethics is the duty of the Sabbath-school teacher, but by precept and experience to unfold the spiritual life. Icebergs give out no warmth. Cold, dead teachers never impart life to their classes. If our children are to be established in the doctrines of Methodism, we must insist that our Sunday-schools should be managed by spiritual men and women. It is a burning shame that in some places men and women are prominent in Sunday-school work who are decidedly worldly people.

2d. The co-operation of parents is greatly needed. The Sunday-school was not designed to supplant parental instruction, but to crystallize it. It is to be feared the idea of having a Sabbath-school in a community causes some parents to throw off their duty to their children. No Sabbath-school can flourish without the atmosphere of parental responsibility and solicitude.

3d. Permanent Schools are necessary—not Schools for spring and summer—but Schools all the year. We rejoice in the fact that our Publishing House sends out such inviting literature, and recommend all Sunday-schools to procure our literature. We hope to see the day when our Sunday-schools will have graded classes, and a prescribed course similar to the Oxford League. The great question of the day is: How can the young man be kept in the Schools after fifteen or sixteen years? It is a lamentable fact that few young men and young women over sixteen attend our Sabbath-schools. We respectfully suggest that each pastor make a special effort to interest young men in our Sunday-schools. We call your attention to the following, passed by the late General Conference:

The General Conference at Richmond, Va., May 17, 1886, ordered: "That the funds collected during the centennial year for Sunday-school purposes, and reported to the General Conference by the Centennial Committee, be placed in the hands of the General Conference Sunday-school Committee, to be known and designated as the Centennial Sunday-school Aid Fund, to be safely invested, and the interest on the same to be disposed of annually by said General Conference Sunday-school Committee in aiding destitute Sunday-schools of the Church under such plans and restrictions as may be provided by said committee."

Again the General Conference ordered: "That the third Sunday in May be set apart as 'Children's Day,' to be observed throughout our Church with appropriate services, and on that day a collection be taken up for the aid of needy Sunday-schools, ten per cent. of the money collected to be forwarded to the General Conference Sunday-school Committee, Nashville, Tenn., and be distributed by said Committee in the same manner and under the same regulations as the interest accruing from the Centennial Sunday-school Aid Fund."

Respectfully submitted, INMAN W. COOPER, Chairman.

Report on Temperance.

The subject of Temperance is very rapidly assuming the far better form of Prohibition. The churches—all the churches—are

taking the lead, and the people, in almost solid masses, are most marvelously waking up to this subject in all parts of the country. Such changes in public sentiment were scarcely ever before known. Under the Local Option law, enacted by the last Legislature of Mississippi, the most favorable results have followed—results not anticipated or scarcely hoped for by the most hopeful. Prohibition is now legally, and we presume solidly planted in about one third of the State, and practically, in several different ways, it is about as well planted in about one-half of the other two-thirds. People are seeing the favorable effects of Prohibition and are fast rallying to its support.

Resolved, That it is the duty of every pastor of this Conference to preach in favor of prohibition in the ensuing year and otherwise, by all means within his reach, to make this doctrine popular; and that it is also the duty of all other preachers, by all suitable means, by preaching and precept, to give encouragement to popular prohibition.

Resolved, That we regard the use of social wines or other intoxicants, in families or among visitors, the signing of whisky petitions, renting property for whisky purposes, or otherwise giving assent to whisky in any shape, as contrary to Scripture precept, injurious to the church, and damaging to personal christianity.

Resolved, That in a country like this, where unfermented wine may be readily procured, there is no necessity for the use of intoxicating liquor in the celebration of the Lord's Supper. And that such use, or any other, of intoxicating liquors, ought to be forever discontinued.

Resolved, That we have the highest appreciation of the laborers in behalf of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, and attribute much of the increase of Temperance within our Conference to those labors.

In behalf of the committee

R. ABBEY

Report on Bible Cause.

God, who created all things by Jesus Christ, made man in his own image, and in process of time gave him his written law, which is called by way of pre-eminence, the Bible. We, who believe that the Methodist Church was raised up to spread scriptural holiness over these lands, must not forget the injunction of St. Paul, to take with us the Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God. Scriptural holiness is based on a knowledge of God's word; therefore, it becomes our duty to see that the Bible is in every home as far as practicable.

The various churches in this land are invited to co-operate with the great American Bible Society, in the circulation of the Scriptures. This institution, located in the city of New York, sends forth from the press seven thousand copies of Bibles, Testaments, and portions of Scripture per day. Thousands of Bibles and Testaments have been sold within the bounds of our Conference this year. But, if you ask have we, as a Conference, discharged

our duty in this benevolent cause, the answer is, we have not come up to the measure of duty as a church of Christ. We, with other religious denominations in this country, have allowed the South-Western Bible Society literally to die for the want of patronage and support.

We are convinced that the Bible Houses are centers of great moral power. We believe that the patronage given to the version of the Scriptures known as the King James Translation has been the means under God of the wonderful advancement of Protestantism in the world, and that the British and American Bible Societies have been prominent and important factors in producing the civilization of the nineteenth century. Therefore, if we expect to realize the fond hopes of our fathers we must take up and carry forward the work they begun. Your committee would therefore offer the following resolutions:

Resolved 1*st*, That we recommend that each preacher in charge, endeavor to raise as a minimum amount one cent per capita from the membership of the respective charges to aid the American Bible Society.

Resolved 2*nd*, That in the death of Rev. R. S. Holcombe, the American Bible Society has lost an efficient District Superintendent and the Methodist Episcopal Church South a polished and valued Minister of the Gospel.

Respectfully submitted,

N. B. YOUNG, Secretary.

Report on Conference Records.

Your Committee on District Conference Records, after due examination of the books before us, beg leave to report as follows:

The Brandon District Records, are, upon the whole, very neatly and accurately kept; are commendable for legibility and convenience for reference. There is, however, some little want of regard to their orthography, punctuation, and the proper use of capitals.

The Records of the Meridian District are correctly and neatly kept, with the following exceptions: The Minutes of the two Sessions do not show the reading and approval of the preceding Minutes. The Report on Sabbath-schools is imperfect, in that it does not show a separate report from each pastoral charge.

The Records of the Seashore District contain a few immaterial errors. We would recommend more attention to neatness and legibility.

The Brookhaven District Record is well kept, with the exception of one or two omissions, and a few orthographical errors.

The Records of Vicksburg, Jackson and Woodville Districts have not been before us.

Respectfully submitted,

L. S. JONES, Sec'y.

Report on Observance of the Sabbath.

Your Committee on Observance of the Sabbath, beg leave to make the following report:

The Commandment to "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it

Holy," is as imperative as any other in the decalogue; but the tendency on the part of the people now, is, to disregard it entirely, or to treat the Sabbath as a holiday.

Ministers and laymen do not scruple to do many things on the Sabbath that they ought not to do, such as riding on cars and boats, making social visits, having prepared, or preparing, victuals, etc. We are considerably agitated upon the subject of temperance, which is all right; but why not equally, if not more so, upon the subject of the observance of the Sabbath?

The captivity of the Jews, and other evils that befel them, were attributed to their profaning the Sabbath. The Commandment, to "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it Holy," being a universal one, we are, therefore, required to be as strict in its observance as such, as the Jews were. This being the case, we need not, therefore, expect anything better than excessive rains, drouths, earthquakes, cyclones, and hard times generally, if we do not keep the Sabbath holy. It may do very well to memorialize the Legislature for a law prohibiting the running of cars on the Sabbath, but we think that it would be much better for the ministers and members of the church generally, to quit riding on them on that day.

We append the following resolutions:

Resolved, That the ministers and laity of this Conference, are hereby requested to be as zealous upon the subject of the observance of the Sabbath as they have been upon that of temperance.

Resolved, That our ministers and laity, be urged not to make use of public conveyances on the Sabbath.

ISAAC L. PEEBLES, Sec'y.

Annual Report of Board of Missions.

Anniversary report of the Mississippi Conference Board of Missions:

We hail with joy tidings that reach us from many heathen lands. The word of the Lord is running very swiftly. Our Gospel is proving its adaptation to the wants alike of Malay and Mexican, Hindoo and Hottentot, China-man and African, American, Indian and South Sea Islander. The church we love to represent, takes some part in this glorious movement. We rejoice to notice our standard erected in Japanese soil—a field so white unto the harvest, that we may reasonably expect speedy and large results. Among the fields already entered, encouraging progress has been made. The visits of our Bishops to China, Brazil and Mexico, appear to be realizing our best hopes. We are thrilled by recent accounts of the power of the Holy Ghost, manifested in the Mexican border Mission Conference, and among the Indians, recently visited by our beloved Galloway. The faithful Missionaries of our own Conference Board bring up cheering news of the victories won over the powers of darkness, and of large ingatherings. From the charges aided by this Board, hundreds of accessions are reported and new doors are being opened. Yet there is much of the land unpossessed—we are

well able to take it. Let us go up in the name of the Lord and possess it. Every preacher in the Conference ought to become a Missionary to the colored people among us. Their need is awful to contemplate. Our duty is urgent and imminent. Our heart's desire and prayer to God for Israel (after the flesh) is, that *they* may be saved.

An active, intelligent, consecrated preacher, realizing the debt of gratitude we owe to this peculiar and great people—this marvelous, living monument to the truth of God's Word—could reach the hearts of many of the sons of Abraham's race within our borders. Let us project this subject on the minds and consciences of our people. Let us provide, during the coming year, a special fund for securing this end : The restoring Jacob to the favor of his God and ours.

Our receipts during the year, for Foreign Missions, aggregate $4,801.50, against last year, $4,376.30.

For domestic work $1,121.15, against last year's $1,094.65.

On the whole, a gratifying increase, in view of the present financial presure. This does not represent half our duty. Let us use more practical and earnest efforts to inform our people. They, as well as the heathen, are perishing for lack of knowledge on this subject. We should preach and exhort more about it publicly, and from house to house. We must get our Advocate of Missions into ten times as many homes as it now enters. It teems with thrilling intelligence, such as our people cannot do without.

Our dear Sisters of the Woman's Missionary Society, deserve, and ought to have ,our warmest sympathy and fullest aid. They are working wisely, faithfully, and in many places successfully. Instead of being a hindrance, as some fearful spirits foretold, they are an immense help to their brothers in the work. We have not their full figures before us; but what we have inspire us. Their Woman's Missionary Advocate is admirable. Let it circulate widely and freely. And may the spirit of grace breathe the active flame of a pure missionary fire on all our hearts.

The anniversary meeting, on Friday night at the church, was ably addressed by Bishop Duncan, and a collection raised as follows : $200.00 to be divided equally between the Foreign and Domestic work, and $54.50 for the special object of adding to the meagre allowance of a worthy young brothor who served a poor work, to which only $50.00 was appropriated. Thus, our full report for the year is $4,901.50 for Foreign, and for Domestic $1,275.-65. With gratitude we go forward.

Resolved, 1*st*. That the Presiding Elders hold Missionary mass-meetings at their District Conferences, and at such other places as they may think profitable, and where the largest number of people can be assembled together.

Resolved, 2*nd*. That the preachers in chargeof the several works be instructed to take their collections for Foreign Missions by March 31st., 1887.

J. P. DRAKE, Sec'y.

Report of the Treasurer of the Board of Missions.

DECEMBER 20th, 1886

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, TR.

DR.

To amount of cash received for Foreign Missions	2275 85
To amount of receipts of D. C. Kelley, Treasurer for Foreign Missions	2677 85
	$4953 70

CR.

By amount of cash forwarded to D. C. Kelley, Treasurer	2275 85
By amount of receipts of D. C. Kelley, Treasurer	2677 85
	$4953 70

DR.

To cash received of W. W. Hurst for last year for Domestic Missions	$6 95
To amount of receipts and cash received this year for Domestic Missions	$1121 15
To one-half the anniversary collection this year, for Domestic Missions	102 25
To cash collected for Robt. Selby	50 00
	$1280 35

CR.

By amount paid J. V. Penn, who served Wesley Chapel charge	$200 00
By amount paid N. B. Young, who served Ponchatoula charge	200 00
By amount paid H. L. Scarborough, who served Livingston charge	100 00
To amount paid Robt. Selby, who served Poplarville charge	100 00
By amount paid Wm. Hover, who served Spring Cottage charge	100 00
By amount paid B. Jones, who served Sea Shore charge	150 00
By amount paid A. F. Watkins, who served Martin charge	100 00
By amount paid L. J. Jones, who served Sandersville charge	150 00
By amount paid R. S. Gale, who served Columbia charge	150 00
By amount advanced by the Treasurer last year	27 60
By amount of balance in the Treasury	2 75
	$1280 35

APPORTIONMENTS FOR MISSIONS, 1887.

	Foreign.	Domestic.
Vicksburg District	$1200	$300
Jackson District	1200	300
Brookhaven District	1000	235

Woodville District	1000	235
Meridian District	900	235
Brandon District	900	235
Sea Shore District	800	200

W. L. C. HUNNICUTT, Tr.

Publishing Interests.

To the Bishop Presiding and Members of the Mississippi Conference, M. E. Church, South:

The Committee on Publishing Interests call the attention of the Conference and the Church to the following facts presented by the Report of the Book Committee and suggested by the Business Manager of the Publishing House, Bro. L. D. Palmer, whom we were glad to welcome to our session:

1. "The old debt," at one time amounting to $356,000, has been reduced to less than $50,000.

2. The Publishing House is now comparatively out of debt, as the assets are largely in excess of the liabilities, and the increasing business must soon produce the means for extinguishing the last vestige of indebtedness of every sort.

3. The books published are worthy of hearty commendation.

4. The growing subscription list of the ADVOCATE and the wonderful increase in the circulation of the Sunday-School periodicals are tributes to the worth of the publications and the ability of the editors; But,

5. Neither the books bought nor the periodicals and Advocates subscribed for number anywhere near what ought to be among one million Methodists or among the thirty thousand members in our own Conference. Our people do not relish pure religious literature as they ought. Possibly our preachers do not preach often enough on the subject of Christian Education or the evils resulting from reading vicious books and papers.

As to the New Orleans ADVOCATE:

1. We regret that a more favorable showing could not be made by the subscription list. The present number of subscribers ought to be doubled during the ensuing year.

3. We endorse the plan of charging traveling and local preachers for the paper and are grateful for the promise to supply the paper without charge to the widows of preachers and to the superannuated members of our Conference.

4. We cordially endorse the action of the Publication Committee in electing Rev. Dr. C. W. Carter editor of our Conference organ and give him a fraternal greeting.

5. Acting in accord with the motion of reference we nominate the Rev. T. L. Mellen to fill the place on the Committee of Publication made vacant by the resignation of Bishop Galloway.

In conclusion, we would again note the fact that in too many of our Sunday-schools and churches, hymn-books are used which not only do not inculcate our doctrines but often contain sentiments and dogmas contrary to sound doctrines. Our Publishing House at

Nashville is not free from blame in this matter, as "Grace and Glory," one of the Sunday-school publications, contains versions of a number of our standard hymns widely different from those in our Hymn Book.

2. We renew our pledge of loyalty to both of the ADVOCATES and to the Quarterly Review, which, under the editorship of Dr. Hinton, took high rank, and, under Dr. Harrison, is advancing to a higher grade.

Report on Church Extension.

The Board of Church Extension is glad to announce to the Conference that the collections for the present exceed those of any previous year. Since the inauguration of this enterprise, four years ago, there has been an advance each year, which, though small, indicates that the importance of this cause is being understood by the church. We regret, however, that there is a large number of charges from which not a cent is contributed for this purpose.

The influence of this great movement is felt throughout the bounds of our conference, and through the whole church. By reason of what it has accomplished, it commends itself to the earnest support of every one who labors and prays for the extension of the Kingdom of our Blessed Lord on earth.

For the Paine Loan Fund, the sum of twenty dollars only has been collected, this from Silver Creek Circuit.

The General Conference at its late Session, organized the "Woman's Department of Church Extension," having for its specific object the supply of parsonages for itinerant preachers. It becomes the duty of this Board to nominate officers for this department within our bounds. We make the following:

Mrs. E. D. Jones, of Carlisle, Miss., Secretary; and Miss Mamie Vick, of Vicksburg, Treasurer of the Conference Society.

As Secretaries for the several Districts:

Brandon District—Mrs. Sudie Parker, Brandon, Mississippi.

Jackson District—Miss Minnie Barrington, Canton, Mississippi.

Meridian District—Miss Addie Purnell, Meridian, Mississippi.

Brookhaven District—Miss Gussie Lampkin, Summit, Mississippi.

Vicksburg District—Mrs. W. A. Gunning, Natchez, Mississippi.

Woodville District—Mrs. Winans Drake, Jackson, Louisiana.

Seashore District—Miss Mary Griffin, Moss Point, Mississippi.

The Treasurer of the Board reports as the amount of collections $1,191.40. One-half of this sum is subject to our control. Eleven churches applied for aid in building. All requests could not be met, and we have judged it proper to make the following appropriations:

To the Church at Wilson, La	$ 50 00
To the Church at Sandersville, Miss.	75 00
To the Church at Good Hope, Miss., Covington County	50 00
To the Church at Decatur, Miss	75 00
To the Church at Carlisle, Miss.	50 00

To James' Church, Silver Creek, Miss.,	75 00
To the Church at Pelahatchie, Miss.,	50 00
To the Church at West Jackson, Miss.,	175 00
Total	$600 00

The remainder in the Treasury unappropriated.

The assessment on our Conference for Church Extension has been increased from $2,000.00 to $2,400.00. This sum has thus been apportioned among the several Districts, as follows:

Jackson District	$ 390 00
Vicksburg District	420 00
Meridian District	390 00
Brookhaven District	330 00
Seashore District	300 00
Woodville District	300 00
Brandon District	270 00
Total	$2,400 00

E. H. MOUNGER, Sec'y.

On Publishing Minutes.

Your Committee to whom was referred the question of publishing our minutes ask leave to report:

That they have had the subject under consideration and have given it careful thought. We think the question one of importance, as a means of giving our people information, and thereby systematizing our finances, bringing our people into closer union and of increasing our power for good. We think it would be well to publish our minutes in full, leaving out only a few things. And that a copy of the minutes should be placed in the home of every family attending our ministry. In order to do this we recommend that each preacher in charge be urgently requested to take up a collection in each congregation during each year, and bring up at least one dollar, annually and in turn distribute to each congregation copies of the minutes proportioned to its contribution and members.

We offer the following:

Resolved, That each preacher of this Conference who has charge of a work be instructed to take annually a collection in each congregation of his charge, and collect one dollar or more, and bring said collection to the ensuing session and pay it to the publishing committee, when appointed.

Resolved, 2d. Should a surplus remain, after publishing the minutes, it shall be paid to our Conference claimants.

B. JONES, Chairman.

To Publish Bishop Duncan's Sermon.

Resolved, That we, the members of the Mississippi Annual Conference, earnestly request Bishop W. W. Duncan to furnish us a

copy of the sermon delivered on yesterday before our body for publication.

J. S. PARKER,
I. W. COOPER.

Joint Board of Finance.

E. H. Mounger, W. D. Dominick, H. R. Caldwell,
D. A. Little, R. S. Woodward, R. J. Jones,
T. L. Mellen, Geo. H. Peets, J. P. Carter,
W. M. Thornton, S. S. Cope, W. L. Nugent.
T. A. Holloman. J. S. Sexton.

Endowment of Conference Fund.

The following were appointed a committee to consider the matter of increasing the collections for the support of the superannuates, widows and orphans, and of securing an endowment for the Conference Fund, and to report their plan to the next session of Conference:

CLERICAL—F. M. Featherstun, R. S. Woodward, P. A. Johnston, C. G. Andrews, T. B. Holloman, L. Carley, J. P. Drake.
LAY—A. G. Mayers, E. S. Drake, Geo. T. McGehee, W. L. Nugent. L. T. Fitzhugh, J. C. Cavitt, C. H. Wood.

Board of Missions.

R. S. Woodward, Pres,; W. L. C. Hunnicutt, Treas,; J. P. Drake, Secretary. EXECUTIVE OFFICERS—R. D. Norsworthy, J. A. B. Jones, J. M. Weems, J. A. Ellis.

Irvin Miller, J. L. Forsythe, G. F. Thompson, L. Carley, Pres. Richardson, J. P. Carter, A. F. Watkins, J. V. Penn. H. Key, W. L. Nugent, Henry Ware, A. G. Mayers, J. H. Thompson, Geo. W. Rembert, R. Babington, B. Jones.

Sunday-School Board.

W. B. Lewis, J. T. Nicholson, H. R. Singleton, P. Howard, R. Bradley, C. McDonald, D. A. Little, Geo. Harvey, D. W. Rembert, Irvin Miller, R. Babington, L. P. Brown, C. H. Wood, G. H. Wiley.

Board of Church Extension.

W. L. Nugent, W. C. Black, E. H. Mounger, John A. Ellis, W. B. Lewis, L. Carley, Robt. Babington, T. A. Holloman, W. M. Thornton.

Examining Committees.

ADMISSION ON TRIAL—B. Jones, T. S. West, John A. Ellis.
FIRST YEAR—R. J. Jones, B. S. Raynor, B. F. Jones.
SECOND YEAR—J. M. Weems, T. B. Holloman, L. Carley.
THIRD YEAR—W. L. C. Hunnicutt, D, A. Little, W. E. Ballard.
FOURTH YEAR—W. C. Black, J. W. McLaurin, J. P. Drake.

Board of Education.

C. G. Andrews, R. J. Jones, T. L. Mellen, W. D. Dominick, L. S. Jones, E. H. Mounger, L. Carley, W. L. Nugent, N. J. Vick, W. Bethea, J. W. Belle, J. L. Dantzler, J. B. Chatfield.

Visiting Committees.

WHITWORTH COLLEGE—C. G. Andrews and T. L. Mehe.
CENTENARY—W. B. Lewis and H. R. Singleton,
EAST MISSISSIPPI FEMALE COLLEGE—B. S. Raynor and L. Carley.
PORT GIBSON—R. J. Jones, and R. S. Woodward.
KAVANAUGH COLLEGE—A. F. Watkins and J. T. Nicholson.
SEASHORE DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL—W. C. Black and T. W. Adams.

APPOINTMENTS MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

WOODVILLE DISTRICT—JNO. A. B. JONES, PRESIDING ELDER.

Woodville Station, B. Frank Jones.
Woodville Circuit, Thos. W. Brown.
Percy Creek, Curtis D. Cecil.
Wilson and Centerville, P. Howard.
North Wilkinson, Nathan J. Roberts.
Amite, J. Wilson Brown.
Amite City, Josiah M. Pugh.
St. Helena, Jno. W. Ellison.
East Feliciana, Pinckney A. Johnston.
Clinton, La., Levi S. Jones.
Jackson, La., Jules V. Penn.
Bayou Sara, Harrison Bradford.
Pipkin's Chapel, James Healey.
East Baton Rouge, George D. Anders.
Livingston, Henry Lee Scarborough.
Springfield, Jno. W. Sandell.

SEA SHORE DISTRICT—THOS. S. WEST, PRESIDING ELDER.

Moss Point, J. Perry Drake.
Ocean Springs, George F. Thompson.
Pearlington, Wm. D. Dominick.
Covington, Jno. W. Tinnin.
Flint Creek, Victor V. Boone.
Columbia, George H. Galloway.
Mt. Carmel, Wm. W. Simmons.
Bethel, R. Aden Breland.
Hattiesburg, Thomas W. Adams.
Poplarvile, Jas. N. Tucker.
Whittington, to be supplied (A. P. Cox.)
Vancleave, to be suppl'd (J. J. Lovett.)
Americus, Marshall J. Marble.
Scranton, John D. Hays.
Sea Shore, Benjamin Jones, Richard Abbey, sup.
Ass't Prof. Vanderbilt University, Wm. R. Sims.

JACKSON DISTRICT—JNO. A. ELLIS, PRESIDING ELDER.

Jackson Sta., Chas. Green Andrews.
West Jackson, to be supplied.
Spring Ridge, Charlie C. Campbell.
Madison, James L. Forsythe.
Sharon, Clarence A. Powell.
Camden, Ira B. Robertson.
Canton, Wm. Bryant Lewis.
Edwards, Inman W. Cooper.
Raymond, Wm. E. Ballard.
Flora, Wm. Henry Huntly.
Benton, Jas S. Parker, Jno. W. Chambers.
Mt. Olivet, Samuel J. Cotton.
Yazoo City Sta., Robert S. Woodward.
Silver Creek, James A. Newsom.
Jas. W. Lambuth, Missionary to Japan.

BRANDON DISTRICT—DUNCAN A. LITTLE, PRESIDING ELDER.

Brandon Sta., Francis M. Featherstun.
Marvin, Levi P. Meador.
Neshoba, Joseph N. Ware.
Trenton, Rob't A. Sibley.
Lake, Hiram R. Caldwell.
Walnut Grove, W. Warren Cammack, Jno. A. Vance, sup.
Carthage, Daniel G. W. Ellis.
Hillsboro, Claiborne McDonald.
Fannin, Newton M. Clark.
Shiloh, Andrew D. Miller.
Raleigh, John H. Evans.
Newton, Isaac L. Peebles.
Westville, Matthew J. Miller.
Morton and Forest, John W. Harmon.

MERIDIAN DISTRICT—ROBERT D. NORSWORTHY, PRESIDING ELDER.

Meridian Sta., Warren C. Black.
West End, Robert Selby.
Stonewell, to be supplied.
Marion, Jacob H. Holland.
Enterprise and Heidleberg, Benton S. Rayner.
Waynesboro and State Line, Edward F. Edgar.
Sandersville, Lazarus J. Jones.
Vossburg, Daniel C. Langford.
Paulding, Jno. C. Brogan.
Shubuta, Lyman Carley.
Winchester, Joshua M. Morse.
Clarke, Wm. W. Morse.
Binnsville, Robert F. Witt.
Lauderdale, Henry P. Lewis.
DeKalb, William G. Backus.
Adamsville, to be supplied.
East Mississippi Female College, A. D. McVoy, President.

BROOKHAVEN DISTRICT—JAMES M. WEEMS, PRESIDING ELDER.

Brookhaven Sta., Alex. F. Watkins.
Summit, Benjamin F. Lewis.
McComb, Jas. W. McLaurin.
Adams, Martin L. Burton.
Wesson and Beauregard, Thomas L. Mellen.
Providence, Robert B. Denner.
Hazlehurst, Joseph T. Nicholson.
Terry, George Bancroft.
Crystal Springs, Thomas B. Holloman.
Holmesville, Robert S. Gale.
Scotland, Wm. B. Hines.
Franklinton, James G. Sibley.
Bowerton, D. Fernando Guice.
Monticello, to be supplied (Wm. Hoover.)
Kavanaugh College, H. Walter Featherstun, President.
Agent American Bible Society, N. B. Young.

VICKSBURG DISTRICT—WM. L. C. HUNNICUTT, PRESIDING ELDER.

Vicksburg Sta., Ransom J. Jones.
Utica, Francis M. Williams.
Washington, Albert C. Flowers.
Natchez, Jefferson Street, Hiram R. Singleton.
Natchez, Wesley Chapel, Nolan B. Harmon.
Warren, Ralph Bradley.
South Warren, J. Herbert Woodward.
Mayersville, Mark H. Moore.
Deer Creek, Walter W. Hurst.
Rocky Springs, H. D. Howell.
Martin, William L. Linfield.
Meadville, Virgil D. Skipper.
Burtonton, Benjamin M. Drake.
Roxie, Ephraim A. Flowers.
Fayette, David P. Bradford.
Port Gibson Sta., Edward H. Mounger.
Port Gibson Female College, Thos. C. Bradford, President.

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIPS, Baptisms, and Church Property, Meridian Dist., Mississippi Conference, 1886.

Name of Charge.	No. Lo. Pr'ch'rs	No White Members.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	No. adults baptized.	No. infants baptized.	No. Churches.	Value Churches	No. Parsonages	Value Parsonages.	Value of other C'h Property.	Money expended on C'h and Parsonages.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars.	Money expended for Sunday School Literature.	Money Contributed for Missions.
DeKalb	...	550	105	...	63	20	7	3500	2	1000	.....	360	5	19	330	15 50	....
Enterprise	..	213	20	...	5	15	2	4000	1	2000	.....	112	2	26	149	75 00	....
Sandersville	2	280	92	...	80	14	3	1000	...	.....	.....	.....	5	24	250	34 85	....
Landerdale	4	431	.....	...	2	4	4	3000	1	600	100	35	3	9	40	4 00	....
Paulding	1	438	110	...	42	56	5	2600	...	60	.....	288	8	54	421	75 00	....
Meridian	1	533	161	..	56	5	2	15000	1	2000	20000	593	2	42	380	67 80	65 75
Vosburg	1	211	26	...	17	26	5	1950	1	1200	.....	379	4	17	140	23 95	12 50
Winchester	...	242	.....	18	3	23	7	1500	...	.....	.....	200	6	27	198	22 75	....
Shubuta	1	245	.....	...	8	2	3	2000	1	1000	.....	192	2	13	106	14 97	18
Waynesboro & S. Line	...	256	15	..	18	.....	2	1500	1	500	.....	63	2	17	115	26 75	....
DeSoto and Clarke	4	397	12	...	.....	6	6	2500	1	300	.....	1200	5	33	305	30 25	....
Energy & Camp Ground	1	422	30	...	18	16	3	900	..	.....	.....	110	6	22	228	25 55	....
Meridian Circuit	2	356	23	...	9	2	7	3000	...	.....	.....	.....	2	13	140	.....	....
Marion	2	455	.....	18	10	5	6	3000	1	500	.....	110	4	14	105	11 50	....
Neshoba	3	727	12	...	11	12	9	3000	...	.....	.....	50	6	25	275	10 00	....
Total	22	5736	606	36	342	206	71	$48,450	10	9,160	$20,100	3,692	62	355	3,182	$437 87	$96 25

FINANCE TABLE, MERIDIAN DISTRICT, MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE, 1886.

Name of Charge.	Presiding Elder.		Preach'r in Ch'ge.		Bishops.		Conf. Cl'ants		Oth Ob	For. Miss'ns.		Dom. Mis'ns		Church Ext.	
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.
Neshoba	90 00	50 50	450 00	266 20	8 00	5 15	34 00	20 00	.....	53 00	23 00	16 00	15 00	25 00	10 00
Marion	70 00	45 00	550 00	373 00	10 00	6 35	35 00	32 50	.....	56 00	30 00	14 00	11 00	20 00	7 00
DeKalb	95 00	81 00	610 00	506 00	8 00	9 05	30 00	30 00	40 00	63 00	64 00	20 00	20 00	20 00	5 30
Enterprise & Heidelberg	100 00	100 00	600 00	600 00	10 00	10 00	40 00	36 50	4 00	51 00	51 00	18 00	13 00	20 00	15 00
Sandersville	30 00	21 55	220 00	123 30	2 00	2 00	5 00	5 00	116 00	10 00	7 50	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lauderdale	85 00	74 00	620 00	540 00	8 00	8 00	35 00	30 00	.....	63 00	30 00	16 00	7 00	25 00	10 00
Paulding	100 00	68 25	600 00	409 00	14 00	14 00	45 00	35 00	.....	98 00	45 00	13 00	15 00	31 00	15 00
Meridian Station	170 00	170 00	1200 00	1200 00	16 00	16 00	70 00	70 00	187 60	142 00	142 00	28 00	28 00	41 00	41 00
Vosburg	60 00	60 00	460 00	460 00	6 00	6 00	46 00	46 00	2 00	53 00	42 25	10 00	7 50	25 00	19 25
Winchester	50 00	48 50	275 00	239 15	3 00	4 05	13 00	13 00	1 00	33 00	33 00	13 00	13 00	6 00	6 00
Shubuta	90 00	75 00	600 00	451 75	8 00	9 00	50 00	50 00	3 00	78 00	70 00	16 00	13 00	25 00	3 50
Waynesboro & State Line	115 00	115 00	600 00	600 00	13 00	13 00	55 00	55 00	.....	88 00	89 50	16 00	16 00	25 00	25 00
DeSoto & Clarke	100 00	66 28	600 00	398 32	7 00	8 90	30 00	10 30	.....	73 00	10 50	16 00	4 00	25 00	.....
Energy & Camp Ground	40 00	25 00	287 50	227 70	5 00	5 00	16 00	12 00	.....	20 00	14 00	12 00	8 05	5 00	.....
Meridian Circuit	40 00	23 00	260 00	133 00	.....	5 80	20 00	2 00	.....	25 00	5 00	5 00	3 00	.....	.....
Total	1235 00	1021 08	7932 50	6527 42	118 00	122 30	524 00	447 30	353 60	906 00	656 75	213 00	173 55	293 00	157 05

Marion paid $10 00 for Education; Paulding, $2 00, and Waynesboro and State Line, $1 00. Total, $13 00.

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIPS—CONTINUED.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. Lo. Pr'ch'rs	No. White Members.	No. Col. Members.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Infants Baptized.	No. Churches.	Value Churches	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expend'd on Churches and Pars'ng's	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars.	Money expended for Sunday School Literature.	Money Contributed Missions	Other Objects.
Warren Circuit	3	39	.....	16	..	8	15	6	4000	1	800	.....	300	4	20	100	30 00	.....	.....
Martin Circuit	..	223	1	1	...	3	.....	3	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	10	50	.....	.....	.....
Washington Circuit	...	132	1	49	...	11	15	3	9300	.....	.....	265	350	4	15	100	18 00	.....	.....
Jefferson Street, Natchez	...	264	.....	.....	...	3	10	1	25000	1	2000	.....	250	1	17	108	35 00	180 00	89 00
Fayette Circuit	4	404	.....	13	...	6	21	4	6500	1	1700	250	120	7	35	205	60 00	27 50	.....
Port Gibson	...	132	.....	.....	18	.....	6	1	16000	1	1500	36000	300	1	12	115	25 00	.....	.....
Mayersville	...	37	.....	.....	3	1	9	1	1000	.....	.....	35	40	1	5	25	8 58	.....	.....
Rocky Springs	1	296	.....	.....	24	8	16	5	3000	1	800	.....	.....	4	18	87	18 50	35	... ...
Utica	1	281	.....	27	...	6	4	4	4000	1	700	.....	100	1	8	40	20 00	.....	.....
Meadville	2	628	.....	49	...	27	11	8	2000	1	350	230	447	6	25	210	21 25	.....	.....
Wesley Chapel	1	211	.....	9	...	14	8	1	2000	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	20	180	123 00	.....	.....
Deer Creek	1	86	.....	20	...	8	4	2	1600	1	600	100	450	4	15	105	30 00	.....	.....
Vicksburg	1	320	.....	11	...	6	9	1	12000	1	3000	1200	2000	2	30	210	50 00	96 00	.....
Total	14	3053	2	195	45	101	128	40	$88400	9	11,450	38,080	4,357	39	230	1535	439 28	303 85	89 00

FINANCE TABLE—Continued.

Name of Charge.	Presiding Elder.		Preacher in Ch'ge		Bishops.		Conf. Clm'ts.		For. Missions		Dom. Mis'ns.		Church Ext.		Education.
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Pald.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	
Port Gibson	110 00	110 00	800 00	800 00	16 00	16 00	55 00	30 00	110 00	55 00	25 00	15 00	35 00	10 70	4 00
Martin	60 00	20 00	468 00	283 00	7 00	7 00	15 00	5 60	35 00	35 00	15 00	5 60	10 00	3 80	3 75
Washington	75 00	39 00	500 00	227 75	8 00	8 00	30 00	25 00	50 00	17 60	15 00	9 00	12 00	4 00	2 00
Jefferson St., Natchez	180 00	180 00	1000 00	1000 00	20 00	20 00	75 00	75 00	180 00	180 00	40 00	40 00	45 00	45 00	20 00
Fayette Circuit	115 00	74 80	760 00	496 85	16 00	16 00	65 00	37 40	115 00	74 85	40 00	25 00	30 00	19 70	3 70
Mayersville	90 00	71 00	610 00	465 29	12 00	12 00	40 00	25 50	50 00	19 70	15 00	5 90	15 00	6 50	5 60
Rocky Springs	110 00	45 80	600 00	420 65	12 00	5 00	50 00	37 00	60 00	45 00	30 00	15 00	15 00	10 00	.....
Utica	115 00	69 00	700 00	415 00	12 00	12 00	50 00	30 00	75 00	30 00	25 00	10 00	25 00	10 00	.....
Meadville	80 00	46 50	530 00	279 25	12 00	12 00	30 00	10 00	60 00	11 20	15 00	6 00	12 00	4 00	.....
Deer Creek	110 00	89 20	600 00	482 80	14 00	14 00	50 00	21 25	70 00	18 00	25 00	3 00	20 00	2 30	.....
Wesley Chapel Natc'z	60 00	60 00	450 00	450 00	6 00	6 00	20 00	20 00	25 00	25 00	10 00	10 00	8 00	8 00	.....
Vicksburg	200 00	200 00	1500 00	1500 00	25 00	25 00	85 00	85 00	225 00	168 00	25 00	25 00	35 00	35 00	25 00
Warren	200 00	100 00	700 00	476 50	23 00	10 00	80 00	35 65	140 00	40 00	50 00	7 00	50 00	6 00	.....
Total	1505 00	1105 40	9218 00	7297 09	183 00	163 00	645 00	437 40	1195 00	719 35	330 00	176 50	312 00	165 00	64 05

Port Gibson contributed $80, and Wesley Chapel, $44 40 to Other Objects. Warren was assessed $300; paid $204 15 to Junior Preacher.

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.—Continued.

Name of Charge.	No. Lo. Pr'ch'rs	No. White Members.	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Infants Baptized.	No. Churches.	Value Churches	No. Parsonages	Val. Parsonages	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended on C's and Parsonages.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Money Expended for S. S. Literature.	Money Contributed for Missions.
Brandon	1	185	20	...	8	13	1	7000	1	700	.....	125	1	12	74	25 00	18 00
Hebron	...	40	32	...	4	6	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	1	6	54	4 50	.....
Carthage	1	260	.....	30	7	.....	3	900	1	500	.....	70	2	8	65	10 00	.....
Shiloh	2	495	24	...	10	22	6	3160	..	.....	350	554	4	25	200	7 50	.....
Marvin	3	368	.....	...	10	14	6	1800	1	500	.....	.....	2	9	75	8 00	.....
Westvillee	2	332	52	...	30	4	3	1000	...	.....	.....	.....	1	4	30	2 80	.....
Lake	1	450	19	...	17	8	4	3000	1	500	800	100	5	36	190	23 64	.....
Hillsboro	4	443	.....	15	20	24	7	2000	1	200	.....	150	4	24	150	17 00	.....
Newton	2	350	39	...	36	21	4	3500	1	1200	.....	950	3	20	190	60 00	.....
Fannin	1	312	.....	...	25	25	3	1000	1	250	200	250	5	16	150	15 00	.....
Walnut Grove	8	588	63	...	25	11	3	1400	1	350	500	10	4	21	242	17 75	.....
Raleigh	1	429	11	...	8	5	3	700	...	.....	.....	25	2	12	60	10 15	.....
Trenton	3	581	52	...	17	17	7	2250	1	350	275	332	4	14	90	10 80	.....
Forest and Morton	2	367	22	...	9	15	5	4500	1	500	80	158	5	23	125	21 00	.....
Total	31	5200	334	45	226	185	55	$32210	10	$5,050	$2205	$2,724	43	230	1695	233 14	$18 00

FINANCE TABLE—Continued.

Name of Charge.	Presiding Eld		Preach'r in Ch'ge		Bishops.		Conf. Clm'ts.		Oth ob	For. Miss'ns.		Dom. Mis'ns.		Church Ext.		Education.
	Ass'd	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	
Hebron	35 00	19 50	200 00	49 70	5 00	1 00	11 00	3 00	.....	35 00	3 20	10 00	2 00	10 00	1 00	5 00
Carthage	60 00	36 00	500 00	300 00	6 50	6 50	20 00	20 00	.....	60 00	16 00	20 00	10 00	15 00	7 70	.....
Shiloh	65 00	33 55	500 00	258 00	7 50	7 50	21 00	9 50	.....	65 00	17 30	16 00	7 00	16 00	7 00	3 50
Marvin	70 00	50 60	435 00	315 30	8 00	8 00	22 50	5 00	.....	70 00	26 00	17 00	3 50	18 00	.....	8 00
Westville	60 00	46 70	380 00	295 84	6 50	6 50	18 50	5 70	.....	60 00	12 50	15 00	.....	15 00	.....	6 50
Lake	70 00	38 50	430 00	242 25	8 00	6 00	22 50	17 00	.....	70 00	46 00	17 00	10 00	18 00	11 00	.....
Hillsborough	50 00	25 95	350 00	181 50	5 00	5 25	11 00	2 50	.....	50 00	8 00	10 00	1 00	10 00	.....	.....
Newton	80 00	73 05	460 00	424 60	8 00	10 00	22 00	25 00	15 00	80 00	87 00	17 00	20 00	20 00	22 00	10 00
Fannin	75 00	44 55	450 00	267 30	7 50	.....	17 00	5 00	.....	70 00	27 50	22 00	5 00	12 50	4 00	.....
Walnut Grove	65 00	48 50	430 00	324 35	7 50	7 50	20 00	20 00	.....	65 00	22 00	16 00	5 00	16 00	5 00	.....
Raleigh	60 00	26 60	440 00	200 00	6 50	6 50	20 00	8 05	11 15	60 00	16 20	17 00	4 15	17 00	.....	.....
Trenton	65 00	52 03	465 00	372 22	8 00	8 00	5 30	5 30	.....	65 00	21 00	16 00	2 00	16 00	3 45	.....
Forest & Mort'n	80 00	52 05	500 00	325 80	8 00	6 50	25 00	25 00	.....	80 00	8 00	17 00	.....	20 00	5 00	.....
Brandon	70 00	70 00	500 00	650 00	8 00	8 00	21 00	21 00	.....	70 00	70 00	17 00	17 00	8 00	8 00	.....
Total	905 00	708 58	6040 00	4206 86	100 00	87 25	256 80	172 05	26 15	900 00	380 70	227 00	86 65	211 50	74 15	33 00

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIPS—Continued.

Name of Charge.	No. Lo. Pr'ch'rs	No. White Members.	No. Col. Members.	Net Gain.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Infants Baptized.	No Churches.	Value Churches	No. of Parsonages.	Value of Parsonages.	Value of other Church Property.	Money expend'd on Churches and Pars'ng's	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No of Scholars.	Money expended for Sunday School Literature.	Money Contributed for Missions
Brandywine	8	567	.....	42	48	38	5	3200	.....	.....	.....	300	6	29	250	43 00	.....
Bayou Pierre	2	327	.....	74	28	46	4	2300	.....	.....	.....	166	5	28	196	16 85	.....
Adams and Bogue Chitto	7	494	.....	16	14	10	5	4000	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	22	150	19 40	.....
Summit	3	229	.....	12	10	4	2	2200	1	800	1000	10	2	17	155	20 00	.....
Wesson and Beauragard	...	458	.....	97	53	15	2	2500	1	100	.....	66	2	23	180	45 40	.....
Crystal Springs	2	255	.....	22	23	4	1	4000	1	2000	.....	48	2	22	130	50 00	10 00
Brookhaven	1	221	.....	19	2	3	1	4000	1	1700	70000	31	1	15	125	22 50	.....
Providence	1	423	.....	.....	20	14	5	2000	1	500	.....	.....	5	29	124	17 00	.....
Hazlehurst	1	298	.....	23	30	12	1	2500	1	1000	.....	438	1	15	115	109 00	.....
Scotland	1	450	.....	67	34	57	5	3200	1	700	150	.....	4	18	145	12 50	.....
Spring Ridge	1	194	1	11	7	12	4	2000	.....	.....	.....	125	3	12	80	16 00	.....
Terry	1	247	.....	51	14	9	4	3000	.....	.....	.....	48	4	23	137	24 68	.....
McComb City	1	364	.....	26	27	30	3	4600	.....	.....	.....	591	2	15	130	33 85	.....
Holmesville	2	125	.....	30	18	3	2	1000	.....	.....	.....	106	2	7	40	5 00	.....
Total	31	4652	1	490	328	257	44	38 500	7	6,800	71,150	1929	42	275	1957	435 18	10 00

FINANCE TABLE—Continued.

Name of Charge.	Presiding Eld.		Preacher in Ch'ge.		Bishops.		Conf. Clm'ts.		Other Obj'ts.	For. Miss'ns.		Dom. Mis'ns.		Church Ext.		Education.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	
Brandywine..	80 00	54 45	500 00	353 80	12 00	9 90	35 00	35 00	3 00	80	50 00	15 00	15 00	21 00	13 00	12 00
Bayou Pierre.....	60 00	63 30	300 00	316 60	10 00	10 00	30 00	10 00	3 00	50	50 00	10 00	10 00	16 00	.....	3 85
Ad'ms & Bog. Ch't	80 00	68 85	425 00	365 65	10 00	10 00	40 00	28 00	3 00	80	56 00	15 00	15 00	18 00	10 00	6 00
Summit.....	70 00	34 00	600 00	337 00	9 00	9 00	33 00	32 00	.....	70	30 00	12 00	5 00	16 00	8 00	12 00
Wes'n & B'regard.	90 00	90 00	600 00	600 00	12 00	12 00	40 00	41 50	6 10	75	75 00	15 00	15 00	25 00	25 00	16 00
Crystal Springs...	90 00	90 00	720 00	720 00	12 00	12 00	45 00	45 00	.....	90	100 00	20 00	20 00	25 00	25 00	12 00
Brookhaven.....	80 00	80 00	550 00	550 00	12 00	12 00	45 00	45 00	75 80	80	80 00	20 00	20 00	25 00	25 00	12 00
Providence.....	65 00	61 03	600 00	563 52	10 00	10 00	45 00	45 00	3 50	85	85 00	15 00	15 00	16 00	16 00	10 00
Hazlehurst	90 00	90 00	650 00	655 20	12 00	12 00	45 00	45 00	202 00	85	92 50	15 00	15 00	25 00	25 00	12 00
Scotland..... ...	85 00	77 70	518 00	467 70	12 00	12 00	40 00	35 00	.....	85	75 00	20 00	15 00	20 00	12 50	9 50
Spring Ridge.....	60 00	36 00	400 00	230 00	10 00	4 60	35 00	18 00	126 00	60	15 00	15 00	5 00	20 00	6 00	.....
Terry.....	60 00	49 25	500 00	410 50	10 00	10 00	30 00	30 00	3 00	50	50 00	10 00	10 00	18 00	18 00	10 00
McComb City.....	90 00	83 00	620 00	571 00	12 00	12 00	45 00	45 00	13 00	90	90 00	20 00	20 00	23 00	23 00	12 00
Holmesville'.....	20 00	16 00	200 00	150 00	3 00	3 00	12 00	11 50	.....	20	7 80	3 00	3 00	5 00	.....	3 00
Total.....	1020 00	893 58	7183 00	6290 97	146 00	138 50	520 00	466 00	438 40	1,000	856 30	205 00	183 00	273 00	206 50	130 35

Brookhaven paid to Bible Cause, $41.00

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. Lo. Pr'ch'rs	No. White Members.	Net Gain.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Infants Baptized.	No. Churches.	Value Churches	No. Parsonages	Val. Parsonages	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended on C's and Parsonages.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Money Expended for S. S. Literature.	Money Contributed for Missions.	Other Objects.
Covington Circuit	...	130	12	2	32	2	1000	1	250	50	46 00	4	7	52	13 25	.....	....
Vancleave	5	275	.....	7	40	5	800	1	300	500	50 00	3	9	150	5 00	.....	....
Scranton	3	243	59	13	7	4	3000	...	.....	.....	1350 00	6	25	200	27 00	.....	....
Whittington	5	466	77	16	23	4	1000	...	.....	1000	250 00	5	15	140	10 00	.....	....
Ocean Springs	1	142	5	2	9	3	3500	...	.....	100	136 00	3	22	125	25 00	40 16	.....
Americus	...	370	33	2	21	3	700	...	.....	300	.....	6	34	205	25 00	.....	....
Poplarville	...	178	49	1	7	5	2250	...	.....	134	883 25	3	26	152	35 05	5 85	.....
Moss Point	...	137	8	2	3	1	5000	1	2000	.....	600 00	1	14	92	40 00	29 00	.....
Sea Shore	...	67	14	5	3	2	1700	...	.....	100	....	2	10	60	20 00	7 00	.....
Spring Cottage	1	206	28	1	78	4	1100	...	.....	.....	75 00	3	12	40	20 00	.....	.....
Columbia	2	298	18	11	14	4	2850	...	.....	148	148 00	3	14	102	31 00	.....	.....
Williamsburg	...	559	112	64	43	6	1750	1	150	250	240 00	8	33	287	17 70	.....	.....
Mt. Carmel	...	465	14	16	17	4	2000	1	600	.....	205 25	3	10	65	9 30	.....	.....
Augusta	2	260	31	17	24	4	500	...	.....	.....	.....	5	15	130	17 25	4 00	23 80
China Grove	...	660	125	57	32	8	4500	1	500	500	250 00	5	20	215	25 00	...	.....
Pearlington	...	96	3	.....	5	2	2700	1	800	.....	225 25	2	11	110	35 00	.....	.....
Hattiesburg	1	259	.....	2	7	4	2500	1	1500	75	75 00	3	15	150	18 00	.....	.....
Total	20	4811	588	218	365	65	36850	8	6100	3157	4533 75	65	292	2275	373 55	86 01	23 80

FINANCE TABLE—Continued.

Name of Charge.	Presiding Eld.		Preach'r in Ch'ge.		Bishops.		Conf. Cl'ant		Oth Ob	For. Miss'ns.		Dom. Mis'ns		Church Ext.		Education.
	Assessed	Paid	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid	Ass'd.	Paid	
Covington.....	60 00	48 50	320 00	254 50	4 00	4 00	15 00	15 00	1 00	45 00	21 00	10 00	3 00	14 00	1 50	3 25
Vancleave.....	50 60	50 00	210 00	210 00	4 00	4 00	15 00	8 00	.....	45 00	11 25	10 00	.....	15 00	.....	4 00
Scranton.....	58 00	28 00	292 00	137 00	4 00	4 00	15 00	.....	1 50	46 00	6 60	10 00	.....	15 00	.....	.....
Whittington.....	60 00	60 00	300 00	300 00	4 00	4 00	15 00	15 00	1 00	46 00	46 00	10 00	10 00	15 00	3 00	4 00
Ocean Springs.....	100 00	62 85	525 00	377 75	5 00	5 00	16 00	10 00	2 00	55 00	37 60	12 00	10 00	16 00	10 00	2 10
Americus.....	50 00	35 00	305 00	248 25	4 00	4 00	15 00	15 00	7 50	45 00	35 00	10 00	5 00	12 00	5 00	.....
Poplarville.....	40 00	35 50	220 00	190 00	4 00	4 00	14 00	14 00	1 00	36 00	38 20	8 00	8 00	15 00	15 00	4 00
Moss Point.....	100 00	100 00	600 00	600 00	5 00	5 00	22 00	22 00	58 00	65 00	65 00	15 00	15 00	20 00	20 00	5 00
Sea Shore.....	42 80	50 00	257 20	300 00	4 00	4 00	12 00	5 00	1 00	36 00	33 50	8 00	5 00	10 00	3 50	.....
Spring Cottage.....	36 00	21 40	214 00	115 00	3 00	3 00	12 00	4 00	.....	36 00	7 00	8 00	3 00	12 00	3 00	3 00
Columbia Circuit..	55 00	50 00	325 00	304 00	4 00	4 00	16 00	16 00	2 00	50 00	36 00	12 00	7 00	15 00	3 00	4 00
Williamsburg.....	74 00	62 00	371 00	324 35	4 00	4 00	14 00	10 00	1 50	40 00	24 00	10 00	10 00	14 00	8 00	4 00
Mt. Carmel	75 00	61 95	375 00	310 60	4 00	4 00	18 00	18 00	2 00	50 00	50 00	12 00	12 00	17 00	17 00	4 00
Augusta.....	40 00	40 00	200 00	200 00	4 00	4 00	12 00	12 00	11 00	40 00	40 00	8 00	8 00	12 00	12 00	4 00
China Grove.....	85 00	71 30	500 00	418 60	5 00	5 00	22 00	22 00	2 00	65 00	55 00	15 00	11 00	20 00	12 50	5 00
Pearlington.....	100 00	63 18	600 00	379 22	4 00	4 00	15 00	10 00	1 50	50 00	21 15	12 00	6 15	15 00	2 00	4 00
Hattiesburg.....	65 00	50 50	435 00	329 15	4 00	4 00	16 00	16 00	4 00	50 00	22 05	12 00	7 00	15 00	.....	4 00
Total.....	1090 80	890 18	6049 20	4998 42	70 00	70 00	264 00	212 30	97 00	800 00	549 35	182 00	120 15	252 00	115 50	54 35

China Grove, assessed for Junior Preachers, $170.00; paid $142.30. Poplarville paid to Bible Cause, $19.75.

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIPS, ETC.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. Lo. Pr'ch'rs	No. White Members.	No. Col. Memb's	Net Gain.	Net Loss.	No. of Adults Baptized.	No. of Infants Baptized.	No. Churches.	Value Churches	No. Parsonages	Val. Parsonages	Value of other Church Property.	Money expended on C's and Parsonages.	No. Schools.	No. Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	Money Expended for S. S. Literature.	Money Contributed for Missions.
Flora Circuit	...	101	...	20	...	3	16	3	1800	1	800 00	.....	.....	1	5	30	5 00	.....
Edwards Circuit	...	223	...	.....	8	.....	2	2	3000	1	1500 00	200 00	750 00	2	8	100	40 00	8 50
Jackson Station	3	269	..	9	...	7	7	1	17000	1	3000 00	500 00	1782 36	2	39	373	127 32	.....
Madison Station	2	106	...	10	...	5	5	4	4000	1	1000 00	.....	77 30	3	20	100	30 00	.....
Raymond	1	175	...	.....	3	4	14	3	4600	1	1000 00	175 00	1577 50	3	18	80	22 50	.....
Sharon	5	294	...	35	...	13	14	4	2700	1	650 00	.....	72 00	4	23	126	46 00	.....
Yazoo City	...	133	..	10	...	1	8	1	5000	1	2000 00	.....	167 75	1	13	80	58 00	.....
Benton Circuit	...	500	...	57	...	33	15	6	5500	1	800 00	.....	134 50	6	30	150	25 60	.....
Canton	...	182	...	15	...	10	5	1	4000	1	1500 00	.....	175 00	1	16	80	35 00	5 00
Silver Creek	...	51	...	26	...	7	8	3	1700	1	250 00	.....	1100 00	4	8	65	18 00	.....
Camden	1	211	3	.....	30	3	1	4	3600	1	400 00	.....	160 00	2	12	50	15 00	.....
Mt. Olivet	2	372	...	41	...	22	25	4	3300	1	550 00	.....	373 80	4	22	134	21 00	.....
Total	14	2617	3	223	41	108	120	36	56200	12	13450 00	875 00	6369 91	33	214	1348	443 42	13 50

FINANCE TABLE—Continued

Name of Charge.	Presiding Eld		Preach'r in Ch'ge		Bishops.		Conf. Clm'ts.		Oth ob	For. Miss'ns		Dom. Mis'ns.		Church Ext.		Education.
	Ass'd.	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	
Flora	60	33 00	500 00	270 00	5 00	5 00	25 00	10 00	.....	35	12 65	15 00	7 00	21 00	7 00	5 00
Edwards	100	74 40	800 00	620 00	18 00	18 00	60 00	36 55	.....	120	50 00	30 00	15 00	29 00	12 65	8 70
Jackson Sta	151	151 00	1200 00	1200 00	25 00	25 00	90 00	90 00	324 09	170	175 55	42 00	42 00	44 00	44 00	25 00
Madison	75	55 00	450 00	401 00	13 00	13 00	35 00	21 15	.....	85	41 17	20 00	14 65	23 00	15 70	13 00
Raymond	102	88 45	800 00	699 00	18 00	18 00	65 00	50 00	.....	125	90 00	30 00	21 60	29 00	21 00	7 60
Sharon	80	72 00	600 00	545 00	13 00	13 00	45 00	45 00	.....	85	85 00	20 00	20 00	30 00	20 00	13 00
Yazoo City	115	115 00	900 00	900 00	18 00	18 00	65 00	65 00	.....	125	125 00	30 00	30 00	29 00	29 00	.....
Benton	120	99 65	630 00	523 38	20 00	20 00	75 00	65 00	5 00	130	95 00	32 00	25 00	36 00	25 00	5 80
Canton	96	96 00	750 00	750 00	16 00	16 00	65 00	50 00	60 50	115	75 00	30 00	20 00	29 00	15 00	9 00
Silver Creek	60	60 00	415 00	415 00	12 00	12 00	24 00	20 00	473 50	40	90 00	10 00	50 00	15 00	5 00	12 00
Camden	80	52 25	550 00	359 75	15 00	15 00	45 00	30 00	.....	85	45 00	23 00	12 50	25 00	12 50	15 00
Mt. Olivet	100	82 90	650 00	500 32	12 00	12 00	36 00	28 70	6 60	85	94 00	20 00	12 50	21 00	3 50	12 00
Total	1,139	979 65	8245 00	7185 45	185 00	185 00	630 00	511 40	869 69	1,200	978 37	302 00	270 25	331 00	210 35	126 10

Benton, assessed for Junior Preachers. $300.00; paid $249.15.

TABLE OF MEMBERSHIP, ETC.—CONTINUED.

NAME OF CHARGE.	No. Lo. Pr'ch'rs	No White Members.	Net Gain.	No. adults baptized.	No. infants baptized.	No. Churches.	Value Churches	No Parsonages	Value Parsonages.	Value of other C'h Property.	Money expended on C'h and Parsonages.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars.	Money expended for Sunday School Literature.	Money Contributed for Missions.	Other Objects.
Amite City Circuit	2	125	3	2	17	2	2500	1	500	75	.....	2	9	66	8 00	.....	8 50
East Baton Rouge	1	275	34	14	6	2	800	1	300	.....	55 00	2	6	45	6 00	.....	.....
Ponchatoula Mission	1	38	38	.....	23	...	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	2	7	61	4 40	.....	.....
Amite Circuit	1	484	78	66	4	7	3500	...	.....	600	200 00	9	27	140	25 00	.....	.....
Livingston Mission	2	343	64	26	38	6	1450	...	.....	25	.....	10	47	347	44 70	.....	.....
Jackson, La., Sta	8	182	.....	5	7	3	5500	...	.....	80000	.....	2	14	125	18 00	.....	.....
North Wilkinson Ct	3	500	121	44	25	7	2900	1	450	.....	537 35	10	36	150	30 00	.....	.....
Percy Creek Sta	...	76	5	2	1	1	800	1	800	.....	900 00	1	6	53	10 00	.....	.....
Wilson and Centreville	2	235	.....	15	.....	4	1700	1	1000	200	700 00	5	15	100	15 00	.....	.....
Bayou Sara Circuit	...	202	2	2	17	3	1500	1	500	....	27 50	3	7	60	8 60	3 70	.....
Woodville Station	...	160	1	6	17	1	4000	1	2500	6000	.....	1	9	72	20 00	60 00	.....
St. Helena Circuit	1	602	16	24	17	8	4000	1	600	.....	.....	5	20	150	15 00	.....	.....
Clinton Station	1	145	12	3	.....	1	1000	2	1700	.....	175 00	1	14	124	40 00	.....	.....
East Feliciana	1	390	142	80	23	5	2500	...	.....	.....	86 00	4	25	150	12 00	....	.....
Pipkin's Chapel	...	138	.....	16	18	2	2800	...	.....	115	300 00	1	8	64	17 05	.....	.....
Total	23	3895	516	305	213	52	34,950	10	8350	87,015	2980 85	58	250	1707	273 75	63 70	8 50

FINANCE TABLE—Continued.

Name of Charge.	Presiding Eld.		Preach'r in Ch'ge		Bishops.		Conf. Cl'ants		Oth Ob	For. Miss'ns.		Dom. Mis'ns		Church Ext.		Education.
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid.	Ass'd.	Paid	Ass'd.	Paid	
Amite City C't.....	75 00	28 66	525 00	200 64	7 50	3 00	30 00	12 00	.....	75	28 50	15 00	5 50	18 75	.....	3 00
East Baton Rouge.	60 00	34 45	356 00	207 00	6 00	1 60	20 00	11 00	.....	60	20 00	12 00	6 00	18 00	3 00	1 60
Ponchatoula.....	15 00	4 65	150 00	42 40	1 50	1 50	6 00	6 00	.....	15	12 00	3 00	3 00	3 00	2 60	1 35
Amite C't.....	65 00	54 75	400 00	335 25	6 50	6 50	26 00	26 00	.....	65	25 00	13 00	13 00	18 25	6 60	6 50
Livingstone C't.....	45 00	42 90	215 00	205 00	4 50	4 60	18 00	4 25	94 30	45	20 20	9 00	4 15	11 25	1 00	4 65
Jackson La., Sta...	80 00	73 40	400 00	366 83	8 00	8 00	35 00	35 00	6 00	80	60 00	16 00	16 00	20 00	20 00	8 00
N. Wilkinson C't...	60 00	44 70	350 00	305 00	6 00	6 00	24 00	24 00	.....	60	29 00	12 00	10 00	15 00	6 00	6 00
Wilson & C'ntrev'le	60 00	52 30	550 00	486 10	6 00	6 00	26 00	15 00	6 00	60	36 00	12 00	6 00	15 00	8 00	6 00
Woodville Sta.....	115 00	102 00	600 00	600 00	11 50	10 05	46 00	46 00	.....	115	115 00	23 00	23 00	28 75	28 75	.....
Percy Creek C't.....	90 00	90 00	450 00	600 00	9 00	9 00	36 00	36 00	.....	90	90 00	18 00	18 00	22 50	22 50	9 00
St. Helena.....	80 00	74 20	600 00	556 30	8 00	8 00	32 00	27 55	.....	80	55 00	16 00	16 00	20 00	.....	8 70
Bayou Sara.....	50 00	27 84	450 00	239 54	5 00	5 00	20 00	10 30	94 50	50	29 00	10 00	6 05	12 50	6 00	5 00
Clinton Sta.	60 00	48 00	440 00	400 00	6 00	6 00	24 00	20 00	100 00	60	40 00	15 00	10 00	12 00	6 00	6 00
East Feliciana.....	75 00	64 50	600 00	510 50	7 50	7 50	30 00	30 00	.....	75	75 00	15 00	15 00	18 75	18 75	7 50
Pipkin's Chapel....	70 00	72 08	500 00	510 40	7 00	7 00	28 00	28 00	115 00	70	70 00	14 00	14 00	17 50	.....	7 00
Total.....	1000 00	814 43	6586 00	5564 96	100 00	89 75	401 00	331 10	200 50	1,000	704 70	203 00	165 70	248 25	119 20	80 30

The following contributions were made to Bible Cause: Ponchatoula, $1.25; Jackson La., Sta., $8.75; N. Wilkinson Circuit, $6.00.

RECAPITULATION TABLE of Memberships, Baptisms and Church Property, Mississippi Conference, 1886.

Name of District.	No. Lo. Pr'ch'rs	No White Members.	No. Col. Mem's.	Net Gain.	No. adults baptized.	No. infants baptized.	No. Churches.	Value Churches	No Parsonages	Value Parsonages.	Value of other C'h Property.	Money expended on C'h and Parsonages.	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers and Teachers	No. of Scholars.	Money expended for Sunday School Literature.	Money Contributed for Missions.	Other Objects.
Brandon	31	5200	...	289	226	185	55	32210	10	5050	2205	2724 00	43	230	1695	233 14	18 00	.....
Brookhaven	31	4652	1	490	328	257	44	38500	7	6800	71150	1929 00	42	275	1957	435 18	10 00	.....
Jackson	14	2617	3	182	108	120	36	56200	12	13450	875	22423 55	33	214	1348	443 42	13 50	.....
Woodville	23	3895	...	516	305	213	52	34950	10	8350	87015	2980 85	58	250	1707	273 75	63 70	8 50
Vicksburg	14	3053	2	150	101	128	40	88400	9	11450	38080	4357 00	39	230	1535	439 28	303 85	89 00
Sea Shore	20	4811	...	588	218	365	65	36850	8	6100	3157	4533 75	65	292	2275	373 55	86 01	23 80
Meridian	22	5736	..	570	342	206	71	48450	10	9160	20100	3692 00	62	355	3182	437 87	96 25	.....
Total	155	30315	6	2825	1628	1474	363	335560	66	60360	222582	42640 15	339	1846	13699	2636 19	591 31	121 30
Total Last year	149	27821	6	.....	1116	1123	353	314595	71	61075	219678	.....	311	1621	11840	2560 00	.....	.....
Increase	6	2494	...	.....	512	351	10	20965	...	.....	2904	.....	28	225	1859	76 19	.....	.....
Decrease	.....	.....	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	715	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

RECAPITULATION TABLE, Finance Reports, Mississippi Conference, 1886.

Name of District.	Presiding Eld.		Pr'cher in Ch'rge		Bishops.		Conf. Claimants.		For. Miss'ns.		Dom. Mis'ns.		Church Ext.		Other objects	Education.
	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.	Assessed	Paid.		
Brookhaven..	1020	893 58	7183 00	6290 97	146	138 50	520 00	466 00	1000	856 30	205	183 00	273 00	206 50	438 40	130 35
Woodville....	1000	814 43	6586 00	5564 96	100	89 75	401 00	331 10	1000	704 70	203	165 70	248 25	119 20	200 50	89 60
Vicksburg. ..	1500	1105 40	9218 00	7297 09	183	163 00	645 00	437 40	1195	719 35	330	176 50	312 00	165 00	124 40	64 05
Meridian.....	1235	1021 08	7932 50	6527 42	118	116 50	524 00	447 30	906	656 75	213	173 55	293 00	157 05	353 60	13 00
Sea Shore.....	1090	890 18	6049 20	4998 42	70	70 00	264 00	212 30	800	549 35	182	120 15	252 00	115 50	97 00	54 35
Brandon.....	905	708 58	6040 00	4206 86	100	87 25	256 80	172 05	900	380 70	227	86 65	211 50	74 15	26 15	33 00
Jackson	1139	979 65	8245 00	7183 45	185	185 00	630 00	511 40	1200	978 37	302	270 25	331 00	210 35	869 69	126 10
Total.....	7889	6412 90	51253 70	48945 61	902	850 00	3240 80	2577 55	7001	4845 52	1662	1175 80	1920 75	1047 75	2109 74	510 45
Total last y'r	7998	6186 77	50890 00	41848 20	906	875 15	3250 00	2693 05	6798	4262 75	1640	1079 10	1798 00	914 57	.....	361 70
Increase.....	.....	226 13	363 70	7097 41	.....	.....	.....	.....	203	582 77	22	96 70	122 75	133 18	.....	148 75
Decrease.....	109	.....	.....	.....	4	25 15	10 80	35 50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

For Junior Preachers: Vicksburg assessed $300.00, paid $204.15; Sea Shore assessed $170.00, paid $142.30; Jackson assessed $300 00, paid $249.15.

Contributed to Bible Cause: Brookhaven $41.00; Woodville $184.70; Seashore $19.75.

ROLL OF MEMBERS

According to date of Admission, Re-Admission or Transfer into the Conference.

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P. signifies present; T. transfer, and R. re-admitted. Where no State is mentioned, Mississippi is to be understood.

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1824. J. G Jones, P ..... Hazlehurst.
1838 E. R. Strickland, P..... Summit.
L. Pearce, ... Belize, British Hon.
1842. Joseph Nicholson.
1844. J. L. Forsythe, P... Madison Sta.
J. A. Godfrey, R..... Waynesboro.
1846. G. T. Vickers, T .. Covington. La.
1851. R. A. Sibley, P..... Trenton.
1852. J. A. B. Jones, P..... Port Gibson.
A. B. Nicholson. P ... Hazlehurst.
1853. J. W. Lambuth, ... Kobe, Japan.
W. B. Hines, R P... ... Caseyville.
E A. Flowers, P..... Hamburg.
D. W. Dillehay, ... Meridian.
B. Jones, P..... Bay St. Louis.
G. F. Thompson TP Ocean Spr'gs.
1856. R. Abbey, P..... Toulme.
1857. H P. Lewis, P..... Lauderdale.
1857. J. A. Vance, ... Walnut Grove.
1858. W. B. Lewis, P..... Canton.
1858. N. B. Young, P..... Hazlehurst.
1858. C. G. Andrews, P..... Jackson.
1859. L. Kendall, P..... Brandon.
1860. E. H. Mounger, P.... Port Gibson.
1862. I. B. Robertson, P..... Camden.
1862. W. W. Hurst, P..... Anguilla.
1862. W L. C. Hunnicutt P P't Gibson.
1862. J. D. Hays, P..... Scranton.
1862. W. E. Ballard, P..... Bolton.
1862. R. B. Downer, R P..... Tryus.
1862. F. M Williams, T P..... Utica.
1862. J. A. Ellis, T P..... Canton.
1866. A. B. Stewart, ... Madison Sta.
1868. P. Howard, R P..... Centerville.
1868. J. M. Weems, P..... Brookhaven.
1868. D. A. Givens, P.....
1870. T. Y. Armstrong, R P.....
1870. J. C. Brogan, T P..... Paulding.
1870. J. M. Gann, ...
1870. R. D. Norsworthy, R P.. Meridian.
1870. J. W. Sandell, P ..... Springfield.
1870. D. P. Bradford, P..... Fayette.
1870. J. S. Parker, P..... Benton.
1870. D. G. W. Ellis, P..... Carthage.
1870. H. R. Singleton, P..... Natchez.
1871. C. F. Gillespie, T P.....
1871. J. H. Evans, T P..... Raleigh.
1871. J. H. Holland, T..... Marion.
1871. C. McDonald, T P..... Morton.
1871. P. A. Johnston, P.... Clinton, La.
1871. W. C. Black, P..... Meridian.
1871. J. N. Williams, T.....
1871. J. W. Ellison, P..... Greensburg.
1872. J. W. McLaurin, P McComb City.
1872. T. S. West, P..... Hattiesburg.
1872. R. J. Jones, T P..... Vicksburg.
1872. R. Bradley, P..... Oak Ridge.
1873. D. C. Langford, P.. ... Vossburg.
1873. T. B. Holloman, P.. Crystal Spr's.
1873. D. A. Little, P..... Forest.
1874. C. D. Cecil, P..... Percy Creek.
1875. J. Lusk, ... Clinton.
1875. R. S. Woodward, T P... Yazoo C'y.
1876. C. A. Powell, P..... Sharon.
1876. B. F. Jones, P..... Woodville.
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